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Town of Searsport



Annual Report
2013 Edition

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Wayne Hamilton is a lifelong resident of Searsport. He and his wife Loraine own and operate Hamilton Marine. Wayne has also served as the Town of Searsport's Harbormaster for twenty-nine years.

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ONE HUNDRETH SIXTY NINTH

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF

SEARSPORT, MAINE**

FISCAL YEAR 2013

2013 REPORT DEDICATIONS

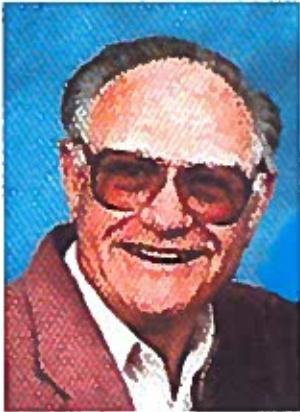
This year the Searsport Board of Selectmen selected three significant residents to dedicate this report to. Each man gave countless volunteer hours to the enrichment and success of the Town of Searsport.



Carl B. Robbins

Carl passed away on March 25, 2013. He was born in Searsport and was a lifelong resident. After graduating from Searsport High School in 1944, he loaded ammunition at the Searsport Docks for the war efforts. He enlisted in the Navy in 1945 and spent about a year and a half in service. He attended the University of Maine and Graduated Cum Laude from the Cincinnati College of Embalming and Funeral Directing. Upon the death of his father-in-law in 1952, he took over and successfully ran the family business, Young's Funeral Home, on Main Street until his retirement in 1991. He volunteered and served the Town of Searsport in many positions including, Treasurer, Selectmen, Chairman of Selectmen, Ambulance Director, Interim Town Manager. He was instrumental in moving the professional management of Searsport forward and worked hard to bring the Manager's Plan to town. He was proud of his efforts in helping to get the gymnasium at the Searsport High School built. He was active with the Masons, Waldo Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Anna Shrine, Eastern Star, and the Lions Club. He was Past Master of the Mariner's Lodge and the Anchor Chapter of the Eastern Star Lodge. He was also a Charter Member of the Searsport Lions Club. His dedication and service to the Town of Searsport is hard to match.

2013 REPORT DEDICATIONS



Palmer "Pete" Pearson

Pete passed away June 21, 2013. He was born Oct. 12, 1923, in Belfast, Pete exemplified the true Maine citizen his whole life.

He graduated from William G. Crosby High School, Belfast and went on to Maine Maritime Academy, graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor of Science degree in marine biology and was employed at Maine Maritime as an instructor and watch officer on the training vessel, The State of Maine. In 1954, Pete attended University of Maine, Orono, and completed a degree in chemical engineering. This led to his employment by Delta Chemical Co., Searsport, where he worked until retirement in 1985. Active in his community for his entire life, Pete held many positions in Searsport and Belfast organizations. He was a member and past president of Belfast Rotary Club; served on the board of directors for Searsport Water District and Waldo County General Hospital; and was a member of Maine Association of Engineers, Mariners Lodge, Waldo Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Anah Temple Shrine and Waldo County Shrine Club. He served as selectman for the Town of Searsport and as chairman for three years. He also was an active member of First Congregational Church, Searsport, serving as a member, a trustee and a director. Additionally, he was an active member of Mosman Park Association and a board member of YMCA.

2013 REPORT DEDICATIONS



Clark Nichols

Clark was long-time resident of Searsport, Maine, he passed away August 4, 2013. He was born in Searsport on August 9, 1914. He graduated from MIT with a BS and MS in electrical engineering in 1935.

Upon graduation, Clark started his 41 year career with Leeds and Northrup Co. in Philadelphia, a designer and manufacturer of electrical power control equipment for utility companies. Clark retired in 1976 and returned to Searsport. Inheriting a love of the sea and history from his sea captain grandfathers, he served on the Board of Trustees of the Penobscot Marine Museum for 34 years, including terms as president and treasurer. Clark also served as treasurer of the First Congregational Church. He volunteered for many boards and committees for the Town of Searsport. Accordingly, Gov. Angus King added him to the Maine Honor Roll of Volunteerism.

For many years until he was 89, Clark sailed the waters of Penobscot Bay in his H-28 ketch. His love of sailing remained a major part of his life.

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December 17, 2013

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Dear Friends,

Since arriving to the U.S. Senate last January, I have been looking for ways to provide Mainers with improved access to federal services through the use of digital technology and on the ground outreach initiatives. Maine is a rural state and I know that traveling to our offices can present both logistical and financial challenges.

To help overcome those obstacles, I launched our signature **Your Government Your Neighborhood** outreach program in June 2013. Every other week members of my staff in Maine travel to different towns - ensuring that all 16 counties are served each month - to hold constituent office hours for local residents.

Over the past eleven months my work in Washington has been largely shaped by the four committees that I serve on: Armed Services, Intelligence, Budget, and Rules. These appointments allow me to engage on issues important to Maine and help craft legislation before it comes to the Senate floor. On the Armed Services Committee I work with my colleagues to honor our obligations to members of our armed forces both past and present, as well as ensure the continued strength, efficiency, and sustainability of our military. On the Intelligence Committee I work to effectively mitigate security threats facing our country while also establishing measures to guarantee that the privacy rights of U.S. citizens are protected. On the Budget Committee, I am working to ensure that necessary spending is tempered with fiscal responsibility, and my position on the Rules Committee allows me to push for procedural reforms that remove institutional inefficiencies and help move the country forward.

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and determined to keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington. As always, I welcome any thoughts, questions, or concerns that you may have. You can visit my website at <http://www.king.senate.gov> and provide your input there, or call our toll free in state line at 1-800-432-1599. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, and Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344.

Sincerely,



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BUILDINGS, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

January 2014

Dear Friends:

Last year saw some of the most bitterly partisan political fighting in Washington in recent memory. However, the gridlock in Washington has not slowed my efforts to fight for Maine's businesses and industries on the national and international level. I will continue to visit and speak with Maine's small businesses and manufacturers to hear firsthand about their successes and challenges. This is an important part of my ongoing "Make it in Maine" agenda which consists of initiatives to boost domestic manufacturing and support job growth in our state.

In 2014, it will be my great honor to continue serving our nation's veterans as the Ranking Member of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee. Over the course of the last year, I worked with Representative Jeff Miller (R-Florida), the committee's chairman, to pass a number of bills important to veterans. Some that we passed would reduce the VA's disability claims backlog, help get veterans their compensation faster, and improve training and educational opportunities. One critical measure we advanced through the committee would ensure that all VA programs receive funding a year in advance so no veterans will have to worry about services being disrupted.

While I am proud of these accomplishments, I know there is still so much to do. I will continue to fight for new advances in areas such as veteran employment, veterans' health care, and the ongoing concerns with the VA claims backlog.

I believe Washington is at a crossroads. There are many members of Congress on both sides of the aisle that truly want to get things done for the people they represent. Congress needs to work together to get things done and make Washington work again. I continue to be committed to making that happen, and continue to regularly meet with Democrats, Republicans, and Independents to forge a way forward.

As we move forward into a new year, my highest priority remains ensuring that Mainers receive timely and quality constituent services. Whether you have a specific concern with a federal agency or need help connecting to resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at any of my offices. I also encourage you to visit my website (www.house.gov/michaud), where you can email me as well as connect with me on Facebook and Twitter.

Thank you again for the opportunity to represent you in Congress.

With warmest regards,



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Member of Congress

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Annual Report to the Town of Searsport

A Message from Senator Michael Thibodeau

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent the Town of Searsport in the Maine Senate. It has been an honor serving on your behalf to make Maine an even better place to live, work and conduct business.

The 126th Legislature adjourned its First Regular Session on July 10, 2013. The year began with a daunting task: covering an \$880 million shortfall in the state's two-year budget that was caused mainly by cost overruns in Maine's Medicaid program. We were able to bridge this gap without reversing the largest income tax cut passed in state history by the previous Legislature. These tax reductions benefitted low and moderate-income residents most, and taking them away would have represented a big step back for a state that has historically had one of the highest tax burdens in the country.

One of the Legislature's most significant achievements this session was finally paying off Maine's massive debt to its hospitals, which totaled \$484 million at the beginning of 2013. The Legislature approved a plan that allows the state to use a revenue bond to pay off the debt and use the proceeds from a renegotiated state liquor contract to pay off the bond. The debt was the result of Medicaid services provided by 39 Maine hospitals for which they were never reimbursed, dating back to 2009.

The Legislature also approved the bipartisan Omnibus Energy Bill, which addresses reducing the cost of energy in Maine and making money available to insulate Maine homes. This legislation when fully implemented will increase natural gas capacity and improve connection to underserved areas of Maine.

Again, thank you for entrusting me to represent you in Augusta. Please feel free to contact me if you ever need my assistance in navigating the state bureaucracy. I would be happy to help in any way that I can. Additionally, please let me know if you would like to receive periodic updates on legislative matters. I may be reached in Winterport at 223-5177, in Augusta at 287-1505, or by e-mail at senatorthibodeau@aol.com.

Sincerely,

**Michael Thibodeau
Senate District 23**



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February 2014

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

It is a pleasure to serve the residents of District 41 in the Maine Legislature. I am honored that you have entrusted me with this responsibility and I look forward to continuing my second term into the Second Session of the 126th Legislature.

Lawmakers will face extraordinary challenges during the next five months as they work on the many issues that were raised during the First Session of the 126th Legislature. I am concerned with the state's fiscal condition, both short term and long term. I am very apprehensive about making long term commitments that will imperil our fiscal health. I also struggle with how to bring some accountability to the Maine State Government welfare system. I have talked with many of you over the past year and regardless of what 'side of the aisle' you are on, a state government that helps those who are truly needy while creating opportunity to find jobs and increase business activity was the one overarching theme I heard loud and clear. Maine taxpayers cannot afford a government that grows beyond its means and I look forward to working with my colleagues from the House and Senate, to ensure that we have an efficient system in place to address this and our many other fiscal challenges.

Citizens want to participate in shaping their futures everyday...not just on Election Day. This makes it difficult when they see a state government that is consistently pursuing policies that do not help its citizens or worse yet, make life in Maine *more* expensive, not less. I will work for a well-balanced state government that will work for all Maine people. This is what I will strive for as your voice in Augusta.

Again, thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or comments you may have concerning state government. I look forward to proudly representing the interests of House District 41 in Augusta.

Sincerely,


James Gillway
State Representative

District 41 Frankfort, Orland, Prospect, Searsport, Stockton Springs and Verona Island

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WALDO COUNTY PROBATE COURT

To the Citizens of Waldo County:

Thank you for this opportunity to report from Waldo County Probate Court. As you may know, Waldo County Probate Court is a family court. This family court handles such family issues as guardianships, conservatorships, adoptions, name changes and decedent's estates (mostly wills).

As a thank you for the honor of serving as Waldo County Judge of Probate, today I want to share with you my biggest and best "probate basics" tip: Make sure that your legal documents are organized. These important legal documents should include advance directives such as a Medical Power of Attorney (for health care) and a Financial Power of Attorney (for finances). You also want to organize and review your Last Will and Testament.

Once you have organized these 3 legal documents, you can rest assured that whatever happens to you, you will have organized your legal documents so that those who love you can know and honor your wishes.

Finally, next fall, I will re-offer more free "Probate Basics" workshops in area towns. Though I provide legal information, I do this not as an attorney but rather as one hoping to help well-intended citizens who need a bit of help. To add helpful energy at these workshops, I also try to bring goodies.

Maybe see you at a probate basics workshop next fall. Until then, have a safe, healthy and fun Maine spring and summer. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as judge of probate and for all your kind support.

Respectfully,

Susan W. Longley
Judge of Probate

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Honorable Commissioners & Citizens of Waldo County

I offer what will likely be my final annual report as your Sheriff. As most know, I am not running for the office this year and plan on retiring a few months after my term ends at the end of this year. I will assist a new elected Sheriff next January with a transition to the Office and putting together a report to you next year. I have been honored to hold this office, in service to the citizens of Waldo County and have been privileged to have had your support. I have told many people that I am not running away from the job, which has been a wonderful career; I am simply excited to start a new adventure.

In these tough fiscal times, I am proud to report that the Sheriff's Office Patrol Division, once again, finished 2013 substantially under budget. We were fortunate on fuel prices, implemented cost savings in several areas, and were frugal in our capital purchases, to return approximately \$54,000 from our budget back to the county. We submitted a budget for this year that is nearly flat funded with last years numbers. We know times are tough and our goal is always to do the most we can with the least amount of increase in funding. The corrections budget has also maintained flat funding for this past year and will continue to do so in the upcoming year.

2013 brought a change in our cruiser fleet with the purchase of three Dodge pickups. Special service fleet pricing and outfitting finished the trucks for essentially the same money as the cars. Our need for a few four wheel drive vehicles for inclement weather and other details has become great over the last few years and it seemed the time to give them a try. So far, they have been a great addition to the fleet. While the fuel mileage is slightly off from the cars, the residual value of the vehicles at the end of their service cycle should make up the difference.

The reentry center continues to be a success and sets the bar for other centers across the country. Our prescriptive programming for individuals coming out of the system, back into society is reducing their risk factors substantially. An upcoming assessment by an outside consultant working with the National Institute of Corrections will give us a more definitive report in the upcoming year, however our own observations and statistical gathering indicate we are reducing risk of recidivism at substantial rates.

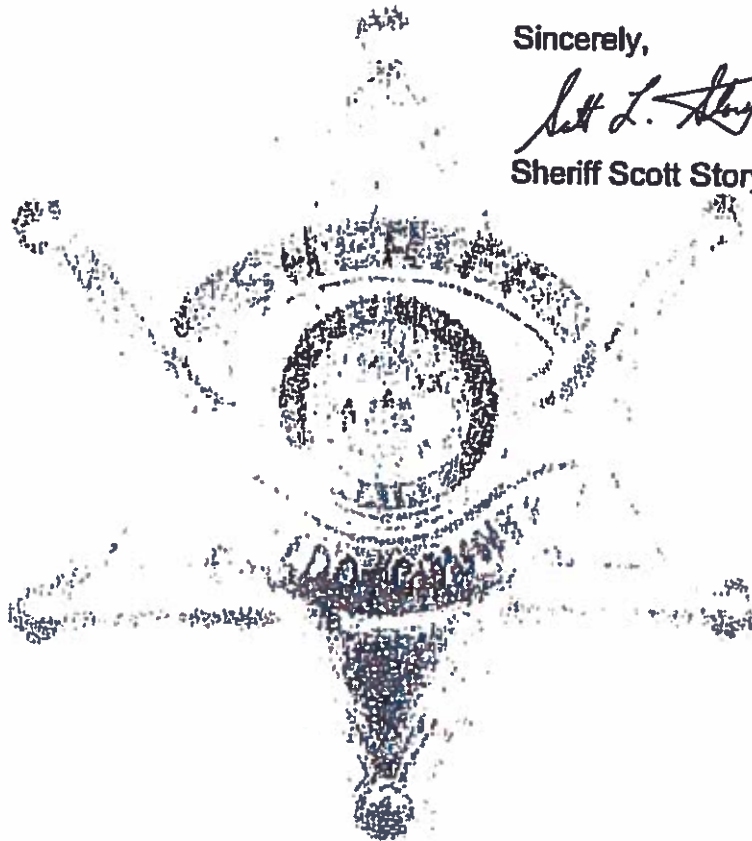
As we do every year, I am including statistical data for the patrol activities. We continue to aggressively enforce traffic and criminal code while also working hard with prevention. Officers of this agency are visiting our schools on a regular basis to work with staff on safety and crime prevention. These visits are conducted in a non enforcement, proactive, approach to help build partnerships with our education institutions. A Domestic Violence Team has been developed to address those high risk cases, provide support and safety plans for victims. We continue to be proactive in much of our work and reactive when needed.

In closing, I want to thank you, the citizens of Waldo County for allowing me to be your Sheriff for the last 14 years, it is a privilege to be chosen by the people to serve as THEIR Sheriff.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Scott Story



2014 HOLIDAY & CLOSURE SCHEDULE

Wednesday January 1st	New Years Day
Monday January 20th	Dr. Martin Luther King Jrs Birthday
Monday February 17th	President's Day
Monday April 21st	Patriot's Day
Monday May 26th	Memorial Day
Friday July 4th	Independence Day
Monday September 1st	Labor Day
Monday October 13th	Columbus Day
Tuesday November 11th	Veteran's Day
Thursday November 27th	Thanksgiving
Friday November 28th	Thanksgiving
Thursday December 25th	Christmas Day

**EMERGENCY & STORM CLOSURES WILL BE POSTED ON CABLE ACCESS
CHANNEL 7
AS WELL AS MAJOR NEWS NETWORKS.**



TRANSFER STATION:

The Transfer Station is closed during the above Holidays.

Hours of Operation:

**Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

You will need a Transfer Station Permit for each vehicle entering the Transfer Station. There is no charge for vehicle permits and they can be picked up at the Town Office during regular business hours.

Please see the Recycling and Trash Disposal Pamphlet (available at the Town Office) for current regulations and costs. Each 30 gallon bag must have a trash sticker. These stickers cost one dollar each and are available at the Town Office and Steamboat Market.

THERE WILL BE NO DEPOSITING OF REFUSE AT THE TRANSFER STATION AT ANY TIME OTHER THAN THOSE HOURS LISTED ABOVE.

2014 IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- January 1st** **Fiscal Year Begins.**
- February 1st** **Late Fees Begin For Dog Licenses.**
- March 4th** **Annual Municipal Elections
@ The Public Safety Building 8a.m. to 8p.m.**
- March 8th** **Annual Town Meeting
@ Searsport High School /Middle School.
9 a.m.**
- April 1st** **All property, both Real and Personal, assessed to owner of record as of April 1st: Owners must bring in a list of property to the Assessor to be eligible to make a claim for abatement. (This form can be found in the back of this report or at the Town Office).**
- June 10th** **State Primary Election
@ the Public Safety Building 8a.m. to 8p.m.**
- June 30th** **Re-register Snowmobiles and ATV's.**
- July 28th - 31st** **Tax Bills mailed out, at the end of July.**
- September 2nd** **Taxes are due and payable.**
- October 8th** **Interest begins to accrue on all unpaid Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes.**
- October 15th** **New tags available for upcoming year Dog Licenses.**
- December 1st** **New Hunting Fishing Licenses available for upcoming year.**
- December 31st** **Fiscal Year ends.**

Town Staff

James S. Gillway.....Town Manager
Deborah Plourde.....Town Clerk
Harriet Clark.....Deputy Clerk
Patsy Wood.....Deputy Clerk
Polly Abbott.....Bookkeeper
Jackie Robbins.....Tax Assessor
Richard LaHaye, Jr.Chief of Police
Dennis Remillard.....Patrol Officer
Eric Marcel.....Patrol Officer
Andrew Webster.....Fire Chief
Almon Rivers.....Emergency Management Director
Cory Morse.....Ambulance Director
Robert Seekins.....Public Works Director
Mike Kinney, Rick Lanphier.....Public Works Crew
Jerald Chaples.....Transfer Station Operator
Adam Lockhart.....Building/Grounds Maintenance
Erica Irish.....Library Director
William Pollari.....Assistant Librarian
Howard Clark.....Wastewater Chief Operator
Robert Bouchard.....Wastewater Operator
Randolph Hall.....Plumbing Inspector
Randolph Hall.....Code Enforcement Officer
Wayne Hamilton.....Harbormaster
Cory Morse/Suesan Packer.....Health Officer
Arthur Koch Jr..... Animal Control Officer

Board of Selectmen

Aaron Fethke, Chair.....Term Expires 2015
Richard Desmarais.....Term Expires 2014
Joseph Perry.....Term Expires 2015
Meredith Ares.....Term Expires 2016
Doug Norman.....Term Expires 2014

TOWN TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY(Police/Fire/Ambulance).....911

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE TOWN OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY DISPATCH.

North Fire Station.....548-6262

Public Safety Building:

Ambulance/Fire NON Emergency.....548-2302

Police NON Emergency.....548-2304

Waldo County Communications Center (Waldo Com)

Public Safety NON Emergency.....338-2040

Town Garage.....548-2301

Carver Memorial Library.....548-2303

Wastewater Treatment Plant.....548-6320

Town Office.....548-6372

Town Manager..... Ext. 207

Town Clerk..... Ext. 203

Deputy Clerk.....Ext. 201

Bookkeeper.....Ext. 210

Code Enforcement.....Ext. 211

Assessor.....Ext. 222

Town Office Fax.....548-2305

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The Town has developed a new website at searsport.maine.gov.

This site holds important town information such as: ordinances, directions, event and meeting information, and contact information. Please log in and see all the web

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J. Bruce ProbertTerm Expires 2015

Board of Appeals

Percy King, Jr.....Term Expires 2015

Board of Assessment Review

Assessor Jackie Robbins.....Contact Person

Comprehensive Planning Committee

Mark Bradstreet.....Term Expires 2014

Economic Development Committee

Ralph Harvey.....Term Expires 2015

Historic Preservation Committee

Marie Underwood.....Term Expires 2016

Shellfish Management Committee

Robert Ramsdell.....Term Expires 2014

Budget Advisory Committee

Faith Garrold.....Term Expires 2015

Cable Television Committee

George Kerper.....Term Expires 2016

Cemetery Committee

Donald Garrold.....Volunteer Since 2004

Recycling/Conservation Committee

James S. Gillway.....Contact Person

R.S.U.#20 Board of Directors

Percy King.....Term Expires 2016
James Cunningham.....Term Expires 2014
Tony Bagley.....Term Expires 2015

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Searsport Elementary School.....548-2317
Stockton Springs Elementary.....567-3264

Searsport Water District:

Trustees

William Shorey, Chairman
Bruce Mills, Treasurer
Larry Clark, Clerk

Employees

Brenda Corbin, Office Mgr.
R. Bruce Page, Foreman
Timothy Wilson, Service Tech.
Adam Clark, Service Tech
Kyle Benson, Office Assistant

Phone: (207) 548-2910

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e-mail: info@searsportwater.org

Business hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**In case of an emergency during non business hours please call the
Waldo County Dispatch Center @ 1-800-660-3398**



Managers Report

Assessor William Terry and Librarian Chase Colasante both retired in 2013. We wish our retirees the best. We hired Erica Irish as our new Librarian and have signed a contract for assessing with Jackie Robbins CMA. We were very fortunate to find both Erica and Jackie. In 2013 we changed our strategy for recreation services. Instead of offering, only a ten week summer youth program we shifted to a part-time year round offering. Dropping summer participation and the loss of a year round offering in neighboring Stockton Springs were two of the factors considered when we made this decision. We hired Kari Cross as our part-time Recreation Director late in the summer. The first program she was able to get started was a very successful soccer program. She also coordinated the basketball program before the end of the year. We have a very ambitious program to offer in 2014.

Our auditors visited in mid-January for four days and again they complimented us on our operations. They reported that we earned \$21,257.46 in interest on our investments last year. This is down about \$8000.00 from last year but is still very respectable given the continuing negative financial climate. We currently stand at about 98% of the 2012 taxes paid and 91% of the 2013 taxes collected. Our auditors report that our unappropriated surplus is about \$719,000.00. This is \$6,086.02 less than the end of last year. As our budgets get closer to actual cost we end the year with less surplus. At last years town meeting we did approve using \$50,000.00 to offset property taxes. Every year I caution, as our budgets get tighter to actual needs, we will reach a point that we will not be able to use any surplus to offset taxes.

At this point, it appears that revenue sharing will be secure for the coming year. The attack on revenue sharing has gone on for six years and I fear that it will continue. I continue to fight to stabilize this vital piece of our annual town revenue.

We were able to purchase several items of equipment last year. We did purchase a used Ford F250 four-wheel drive pick up truck and a new plow for the Wastewater Division. We made a \$9000.00 purchase of new LED lighting for the Wastewater Plant. This investment will pay for itself in energy savings over the next couple of years. We purchased a used F250 four-wheel drive pick up truck for Public Works. We bought a new trash compactor can for the Transfer Station. The Fire Department bought a new Thermal Imaging Camera. The Police Department used remaining grant money and bought a new cruiser with equipment with four-wheel drive capabilities. We invested in our infrastructure and paved Old Route One, Porter Street and a portion of Old County Road.

In 2013 we voted to raise the LD 1 Levy Limit at town meeting to equal to the increase in the budget. After the budget was voted on, we did increase the limit. This year we worked hard to cut items in the budget without affecting services. We are presenting a budget that is \$56,213 less than 2013. We will again have an Article to increase the Levy Limit and will likely not have to do so. This year we are only recommending up to \$50,000 of unappropriated surplus to be used to offset property taxes. It is impossible to tell what the actual mil rate will be until we see the School Budget and the State impacts. As always, we encourage everyone to be involved in the two other budgets that impact our mil rate as much as possible.

I am in the second term representing Searsport in House District 41 in Augusta. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to do this job for you. Many difficult problems have been in front of the legislature this session including preserving and funding Revenue Sharing. I am confident that my knowledge of local government and budgeting has helped my colleagues understand the importance of this funding source for our communities. Serving in Augusta does

have some drawbacks. It does mean that often during the day I am not physically in the office. I am in constant contact via e-mail and cell phone. I am very mindful that I would not be able to do either of these jobs without a great staff. We are all blessed to have dedicated capable people working for us. I also need to give a lot of credit to my wife who allows me to do invest the hours into both jobs. During the legislative session my days start early and end very late. Fortunately, the sessions are relatively short and do seem to pass quickly.

This year we will be rebuilding the main section of the Hamilton Wharf. I applied for a State Small Harbor Improvement Grant and we have been awarded \$250,000.00 dollars for the project. We have also applied for a Federal Boating Improvement Grant, which will add about \$73,000.00 to the project. We are awaiting contracts from the Maine Department of Transportation and once signed hope to be starting construction as soon as the weather permits. The Maine Department of Transportation has several other projects scheduled for the Town of Searsport that are funded in their three-year work plan. They will be buying some material handling equipment for the port and there are several road repair projects including a complete rebuild of Route One from Savage Road to Station Avenue (Downtown). The total investment planned for Searsport totals \$10,236,220.00.

Again, I want to thank Chase Colasante for her efforts and dedication to the Carver Memorial Library and wish her well in retirement. I thank Bill Terry for his help, counsel and friendship for over a decade and we all wish him the best. We also hope that both retirees keep in touch. I am very thankful to all of the employees here in Searsport. We do not pay them enough and can't pay them what they are worth to us. I very much hope that they realize our gratitude and pray that they will stay with us through these tough times. As always, I thank the citizens of Searsport for your continued help, support and patience during these difficult economic times. I personally want to thank the Board of Selectmen and all of the Committees and Boards for their efforts and continued support. Without the hundreds of volunteer hours we receive, we would not be successful.

Respectfully Submitted:

James S. Gillway

James S. Gillway
Town Manager

**2013 Searsport Assessor's Report
December 31, 2013**

I have been honored to serve as the Searsport Assessor, Thank You. The 2013 mill rate is \$21.50 per 1,000 dollars of valuation. The mill rate breaks as follows \$1.94 (9%) to the county, \$6.88(32%) to the Town and \$12.68(59%) for education. The rate was up about 6% from 2012. The State of Maine in order to balance the State budget will be making adjustments to the state revenue sharing. Even if the town budget expenditure stays the same the mill rate will go up. This also applies to the school and county taxes for the Town of Searsport. The amount of new construction in the Town of Searsport both in the residential and commercial areas has shown some improvement but is still slow. These things will likely cause a mill rate and property tax increase for the 2014 tax year. Property sale prices are still above the assessed values. The sales of distressed properties are usually below assessed values.

The resident Searsport taxpayers are reminded of the **Homestead Exemption, Veterans Exemption, Blind Exemption** and the **Maine Property Tax Refund Program**. To find out about the exemptions and refund program contact the Searsport assessor at the Town Office.

E9-1-1 – There are no lane names to be adopted by the Town as part of the Searsport Official Street Names List for this year. There is one road that the spelling needs to be amended. The road is the Merrithew Rd. and the spelling request is Merithew Rd. House numbers need to be posted on the house or in such a manner, so emergency services can easily identify a property location. Street signs provide guidance in locating an address and house numbers bring the services to your door. If you need help or information on putting up numbers, please contact the Searsport Addressing Officer at the Town Office. Your comments, ideas and suggestions are welcome. I will be retired at the end of 2013 but I strongly recommend that you stop in or call anytime to visit the assessor.

Respectfully,

William P. Terry
Searsport Assessor & Addressing Officer

**TOWN of SEARSPORT
ASSESSOR'S NOTICE
2014**

In accordance with Title 36, MRSA Section 706, the Assessor of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine hereby gives notice to all persons liable to taxation in said municipality, that the Assessor's Office is open daily Monday through Friday and will be open the evening of April 1, 2014 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM for the purpose of revising lists of estates taxable in the Town of Searsport.

All inhabitants of the Municipality of Searsport, Maine and all Administrators, Executors, Trustees, non-residents, etc., all estates taxable in said municipality or such persons hereby notified to **MAKE AND BRING INTO THE ASSESSOR TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS OF ALL THEIR ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL**, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the **FIRST DAY of APRIL 2014** and be prepared to make oath to the truth of the same and to answer all proper inquiries in writing as to the nature, situation and value of their property liable to be taxed.

ESTATES DISTRIBUTED

And when estates of persons deceased have been distributed during the past year, or have changed from any cause, the Executor, Administrator, or other persons interested, are hereby warned to give notice of such change, and in default of such notice will be held under the law the tax assessed although such estate has been wholly distributed and paid over.

And any person who neglects to comply with this notice is thereby banned to his right to make application to the Assessor for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such lists with his application and satisfies the assessor that he was **unable** to offer it at the time appointed.

**BLANK SCHEDULES ARE AVAILABLE
AT THE SEARSPORT TOWN OFFICE**

Searsport Assessor

Certificate of Assessment

Title 36 MRSA 712

State of Maine

County of Waldo, ss.

I, hereby certify, that I have assessed a tax on the estate, real and personal liable to be taxed in the Municipality of Searsport for the fiscal year 01/01/2013 to 12/31/2013, at .02150 mills on the dollar, on a total taxable valuation of \$208,556,530.00

Assessments

1. County Tax	\$ 438,553.21
2. Municipal Appropriation	1, 502,905.00
3. TIF Financing Plan Amount	91,375.00
4. School/Education Appropriation	2,747,460.67
5. Overlay (Not to exceed 5% of Net Assessment)	<u>19,617.99</u>
6. Total Assessments	\$4,799,911.87

Deductions

7. State Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$ 190,000.00
8. Homestead Reimbursement	80,537.39
9. BETE Reimbursement	45,409.09
10. Other revenue	-0-
11. Total Deductions	\$ 315,946.48

12. Net Assessment for Commitment	\$4,483,965.39
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Lists of all the same I have committed to James Gillway, Tax Collector of said Municipality, with warrants in due form of law for collecting and paying the same to James Gillway, Municipal Treasurer of said Municipality, or the successor in office, on or before such date, or dates, as provided by legal vote on the Municipality and warrants received pursuant to the laws of the State of Maine.

Given under my hand this August 13, 2013

William P. Terry, CMA
Searsport Assessor

2013 ASSESSOR ABATEMENTS

Name	RE/PP	Tax Year	Amount
Direct TV, LLC	PP	2013	\$103.20
Michael & Terrie Seekins	RE	2013	236.50
Michael & Barbara Nugent	RE	2013	419.25

William P. Terry
Searsport Assessor

GENERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT TOWN REPORT

My goal as General Assistance Administrator is to assist the residents of Searsport at the time of their emergency. GA provides emergency assistance for basic necessities such as rent, food, household and personal supplies, heating fuel, medications and utilities.

There have been many new changes to General Assistance which is required from the applicant now. Verification and receipts are needed for what you spend out and what you are making per month. You are also required to look for work unless you have a medical note from your doctor stating you cannot work. I have daily emails sent to me showing what companies are hiring to inform you at the time of your appointment. These are just a few listed and there are more changes coming soon.


This past year I assisted many (both families and single households) with rent, food, household and personal, emergency housing and funeral expenses. We have been fortunate to only have had a few homeless calls which between the Police Department and General Assistance Department we were able to find them a place to stay.

I also have attended GA classes through out the year which keep all the GA administrators up to date with all the changes. Every time I have gone to a class I have learned something new. I am also attending classes to become a certified Welfare Director this coming year.

For the past 2 years Glenn Blair from the USDA office in Bangor has met with a dozen of applicants to speak about the 504 Repair and Rehabilitation Grant and the 502 Direct Loan Program. We have had good success with these programs. One family was able to get a well put in through the grant. Another resident was able to get her trailer sided and other repairs. And this year there might even be a trailer replacement done through another grant.

You can reach me at 323-2396. My hours are Monday through Thursday from 1PM-5:30PM by appointment. My office is now in the Public Safety Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Suesan Packer

General Assistance Administrator

Searsport Police Department ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Mission: To lead the citizens of the Town of Searsport in a partnership dedicated to the protection of life and property, and the advancement of peace, prosperity, and community. The genesis of our efforts is the values of respect, fairness, and integrity.

Staff

Chief Richard LaHaye Jr.	Reserve Officer Arthur Smith
Officer Eric Marcel	Reserve Officer Darrin Moody
Officer Dennis Remillard	Reserve Officer Eric Bonney
Reserve Officer Brian Lunt	Reserve Officer Ryan Nickerson
Reserve Officer Merl Reed	Reserve Officer Michael Larrivee
Reserve Officer James Porter	
Animal Control A. J. Koch	Animal Control Almon "Bud" Rivers
Shellfish Warden Richard LaHaye Jr.	

<u>Activity Type</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>%Change</u>
<u>Total Incidents</u>	<u>2269</u>	<u>2470</u>	<u>2668</u>	+ 8%
Animal Complaint	199	121	151	+25%
Arrests	45	78	101	+30%
Assaults	10	17	7	-41%
Burglaries	25	10	19	+90%
Criminal Mischief	17	29	25	-14%
Disturbance	171	242	198	-18%
Harassment	84	64	39	-39%
Motor Vehicle Accident	144	72	87	+21%
Thefts	42	57	55	-4%
Threatening	15	22	13	-59%
Traffic Stops ***	845	1056	826	-22%
Trespassing	9	14	14	0%
Radar Details	57	134	55	-59%
Suspicious	128	130	119	-.09%

***Not included in Total Incidents

Dear Citizens of Searsport,

The past year was a very busy one for the Searsport Police Department. Calls for service (2668) were up by 8% over the previous year. While most crimes against property and people were up in 2013, motor vehicle stops were down by nearly 22% from 2012. Motor vehicle accidents trended up from the previous year although over a 5 year period they continue to decrease. Much of this is related to

increased speed enforcement around radar details and specific enforcement within the School Zone. There was a decrease in harassment calls and Domestic Violence calls (26) increased from the previous year. Once again, drug and alcohol abuse was a factor in many complaints ranging from traffic enforcement, assaults, and motor vehicle accidents. A sampling of other calls provides an overview to your police department—114 Alarms, 118 Ambulance/Medical assists, 296 other Agency Assists (Belfast PD, State Police, Waldo S.O., Stockton PD and Town of Searsport), 25 Fraud, 33 Juvenile Problems and 136 Motor Vehicle complaints.

Once again, a focus for the Police Department was maintaining and strengthening the relationships within the Community. Officer Dennis Remillard attended the Maine Criminal Justice Academy beginning in August and graduated in December 2013. The remainder of the department provided a steady consistent approach to problems within the Community. In December the Police Department participated in the "Wreaths Across America" parade as they traveled through Searsport.

All officers were re-certified in Firearms Training as well as the use of the TASER. Other training topics included the MCJA mandatory training that is required of each officer during the present calendar year. These topics included, Fire Extinguisher, Blood borne pathogens, New Law updates (Maine, 1st U. S. District and U.S. Supreme Court), Awareness of Cultural Diversity, Policing Culturally Diverse Communities, Bias-Based Policing, Drug Recognition and Impairment (Class 1 and Class 2), Social Media-Emerging Technologies and Social Media-Implications for Law Enforcement. In addition, the Department was trained by a member of the Attorney General's Staff relating to 1st Amendment Rights issues.

The 2007 Ford Crown Victoria was replaced with a 2013 Ford Interceptor Police vehicle. This vehicle has all wheel drive capabilities. The 2009 Ford Crown Victoria cruiser has 60,000 miles on it and the 2010 Ford Crown Victoria cruiser has 116,900 miles on it. These vehicles are up to date on service. During the year the Police Department participated in the "Click it or Ticket" seatbelt campaign. This enabled us to receive a hand held laser radar unit. Also, we participated in a grant through the federal government and partnered with the other area law enforcement agencies and replaced 6 portable radios with new technologies.

In closing, as I begin my seventh year as your Police Chief, I am pleased and honored to continue to serve you. The Department will continue to take a proactive approach to serving the needs of the community in 2014. I will strive to make the Searsport Police Department one the Citizens of Searsport can be proud of.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard H. LaHaye Jr.

Chief of Police



SEARSPORT FIRE DEPARTMENT

P.O. Box 489

Searsport, ME 04874

South Station - 548-2302

North Station - 548-8282

Greeting to All,

Well, the Twenty-Three year has come and gone too fast. The Searsport Fire Department had a record year for calls. We responded to one-hundred-fifty-one calls that consisted of structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, out of control brush fires, flooded basements, false alarms, wild life rescues, public assistance, and, of course, another ice storm. Notwithstanding all of that, we managed to do training once a month. I'd like to inform you that the town has three more firefighters on the department that are firefighter one and firefighter two certified. We should all give a big thank you to the Barney Hose Co. for their cash donation toward the purchase of a new cutter for the Jaws of Life. The old cutter just stopped working and could not be repaired. If not for the group helping with the purchase, we would have to use operating funds from our budget for it. In November, the Fire Department held a surprise appreciation supper for Frank Whiting, acknowledging his forty-three years of service to the department. He is staying with the department and we hope for many more years to follow. Thank you Frank! In September the department took the 1940 GMC Truck along with the Antique Hand Pump Tub to Ellsworth to the Maine State Firefighter Association Annual Convention. Both vehicles won first place in their categories in the annual best of show competition.

We want to remind everyone to change your batteries in your smoke detectors, we have plenty of batteries and some smoke detectors available if you need them.

I personally want to thank everyone for their support for the department. Be safe.

Thank you
Andy Webster
Fire Chief

Dial 9.1.1. For Emergencies

Searsport Ambulance Service

P. O. Box 499
Searsport, Maine 04974

Office Tel: 548-2302

24 Hr. Emergency: 911
338-2041

The Searsport Ambulance Service is proud to serve the citizens of the Town of Searsport. We continue to work towards improving ourselves through continued training and the acquisition of cutting edge equipment.

In 2013, Searsport EMS has begun the Community Paramedicine Pilot Project which we believe will have a positive impact on community wellness, reduce healthcare costs and be tailored specifically for Searsport's needs. Thus far, we have had a great interest in this program and are accepting enrollments of Searsport residents with a referral from a patient's Primary Care Physician (PCP). You will find a referral form at the back of this town report. We are starting small and are focusing on a few key things: A Well-Check program where a Community Paramedic will make episodic visits to check vital signs, blood glucose levels or check medication compliance; A fall-prevention program where a Community Paramedic will assess a home for fall hazards and make safety recommendations; Assisting a diabetic patient with tracking regular blood glucose levels; And, lastly, facilitating blood drives, vaccination clinics and dental clinics here in Searsport.

Community Paramedicine is evolving across the United States and we are pleased to be amongst the first in Maine to bring this service to our community.

Our call volume was slightly less than last year. We continue to receive revenues that return to the general fund. In 2013 the Searsport Ambulance Service responded to 464 calls for service.

Our ambulances include a 2013 Ford Type three and a 2011 Mercedes Type two. This year, we remounted our 2005 Ford and had the chassis upgraded to a 2013 model. The old unit had developed a slowly progressing head gasket leak which is requiring us to retire the unit two years ahead of schedule. This remounting process will save more than \$80K over purchasing a new ambulance and gave us a unit that has a ten year or more lifespan.

In 2014, look for the Searsport Ambulance Service to continue to invest in training our staff, improve our capabilities through improved technology, and striving for better efficiencies in the name of good stewardship of our resources and your tax dollars.

Sincerely,



Cory Morse, WEMT-P, Chief
Searsport Ambulance Service

Serving the People of Searsport Since 1969

SEARSPORT OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Let's thank Sandra Otis-Anderson and Mark Stanley for joining our Emergency Operations Center staff. Thanks to Gayle McKeige, Lisa Watson, and George Kerper for their continued support of the EMA Organization.

The following work was accomplished during 2013 by the Searsport EMA organization:

1. PLANNING:

- ❖ Completed annual updates to the Municipal Emergency Operations Plan contact data.
- ❖ Participated in the LEPC process for the WALDO County hazard Mitigation Plan.
- ❖ Implemented the Nixle, LLC emergency warning/communication process for the Town of Searsport and the local schools.
- ❖ Performed Hazard Assessment of a proposed 22.7 million gallon propane storage facility and changes to the GAC Chemical Plant and Irving tank farm in town.

2. TRAINING/EXERCISES:

- ❖ EMA staff completed 144 hours of training on incident command, emergency management, hazardous materials, damage assessment and disaster recovery.
- ❖ Participated in two municipal public safety drills, six county disaster exercises, and one statewide exercise.

3. EDUCATION AND AWARENESS PROGRAM:

- ❖ Published periodic disaster preparedness articles on the town website and cable TV station.
- ❖ Conducted citizen meetings/seminars on hazards and our expected response.
- ❖ Represented the Town Emergency Management Office in public hearings on the proposed propane import and storage facility.
- ❖ Distributed family disaster preparedness information to municipal residents through Town Office and schools.

4. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:

- ❖ Completed application process for the Local EMPG grant.
- ❖ Provided the County EMA office with updated Public Safety resource and personnel information.

5. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT:

- ❖ Maintained locations to be our municipal Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- ❖ Continued improvements to emergency response communications equipment.



Searsport Emergency Management Director

**Office of Code Enforcement
&
Plumbing Inspector
2014 Report**

"It has become appallingly obvious that our technology has exceeded our humanity."

Albert Einstein

"If we continue to develop our technology without wisdom or prudence, our servant may prove to be our executioner."

Omar Bradley

It has become very evident to me that in this day and age that the average person has a challenge to keep up with the pace of our modern world. This can also be said in the areas of Land Use and Building trades. Each year with the advancement of new and supposedly better building materials, insulation materials, and man made components, along with many other things, there is a continual need to change and update codes, rules and regulations. In my 40 plus years in the building trade both as a carpenter, and a code official, I have experienced numerous changes from the use of foundation materials to the coverings for the roof. I do not hold an engineers degree, but I have been blessed with one thing, that seems to be lacking in our society today and that is common sense. I am concerned that if we continue to erect and build the newer homes as tight as we can to save energy and make them more efficient we could be creating another monster. Now please don't think that I am against advancement in the trades, but I do believe that we need to take a closer look at the long range outcome.

Concerning new and updated rules and regulations, the State of Maine has not made any significant changes to the MUBEC, there is still talk of making it a more inclusive code for towns that fall under the less than 4000 population so that home owners, contractors, and others involved can all be on the same page. There have not been many great changes in the codes over the past year; the National Fire Protection Agency has made some updates to the Life Safety Code. One of those changes has to do with replacement windows in regards to egress size needing to be met. As always I encourage anyone doing any building, remodeling or such to check with my office to go over what your plans are and start out on the right foot so as not to have to tear out once you have begun your project. Just a friendly reminder most anything needs to be permitted now so again check with my office to see what permits are needed.

Over the past year we permitted the following; camps=1, Single Family Residence=5, Mobile Homes or Double Wide=9, Utility Structures=10, Garages=7, Residential Additions=7, Commercial=5 Additions & 5 New Buildings, Remodeling=3, Demolitions=3, and Miscellaneous=7 (this covers decks, ramps etc.) For the coming year I have put together a permit fee schedule that has been sent to the Board of Selectmen to look over. I have used surrounding towns as a model with various fee ranges; my goal is to help defer a portion of the cost of Code Enforcement away from the tax payer and onto the Applicant.

On a final note once again it has been a privilege to continue to work for the people of the Town of Searsport, as we work together to meet your needs in construction and building we are also able to meet the requirements of the various Codes and Rules that apply to these areas. So thank you to the residence of the Town of Searsport, the Town Staff, and the various Boards that I have the privilege to work with. A special thank you to Bill Terry for helping me from the first day I showed up as your Code Enforcement Officer until the day he retired, in life there are few people that you meet, let alone work with that are a pleasure to work with again thank you Bill for all your help in the past 13 years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Randolph B. Hall
Code Enforcement Officer
Licensed Plumbing Inspector

2013 Planning Board Report

Thankfully " the tank project " is history and we will have more time for personal use. The process worked as designed with well defined steps enroute to a fact based conclusion. Following 44 hours of public hearing, hundreds of letters and phone calls and technical reports, we deliberated and evaluated the application to the respective ordinance's performance standards . The proposal failed to meet 14 performance standards and was unanimously denied on April 17, 2013.

The planning board heard 14 site plan review applications, and approved 12 while 2 were withdrawn. Three shoreland zoning applications were received and approved. There were no subdivision applications this year. In 2014 we wish to coordinate\ meld the land use ordinance and the site plan review ordinance to make them mutually conforming; especially the definitions and performance standards. Some of the performance criteria need to be more objective with well defined, quantifiable parameters to be " court legal ". We wish to develop a simple streamlined business friendly process, perhaps without planning board review, for projects with minor community impact, For this endeavor we will need some professional legal assistance.

We meet the second Monday of each month in Union Hall at 6:30 p.m., and the public and their comments are welcomed. On scheduled meeting dates, if the town office is closed for the day, we will meet on Tuesday of the same week.

Respectfully,


Bruce Probert ,Chr.

Greetings Friends!

I am so excited to introduce myself as the new Director of the Searsport Recreation Department.

Searsport Recreation Department's youth sports program strives to provide a healthy environment in which young people can learn about sports, develop fundamental skills, coordination, teamwork and most importantly, have fun!

Starting the position in July, I had some challenges reaching families, however, once school started, the response was amazing.

Our first youth sports program, which was Fall Soccer for grades Kindergarten through 5, was a huge success with 70 participants and 5 volunteer coaches. We utilized the beautiful Mosman Park for all practices and games and are looking forward to many more fun soccer and great baseball seasons there.

Searsport Recreation introduced some fun new activities during the town's annual Fling Into Fall celebration that many enjoyed! New Friday evening children's activities included painting pumpkins, a candy in the hay hunt, and pumpkin ring toss. Our soccer kids participated in the parade, as well as a student from Searsport District High School, including our very own Viking mascot! The Chili Cook Off was a favorite new addition, with plans to be sure it is brought back for 2014 and opened to many more participants! (Congratulations again Searsport Police Department for being the 1st Annual Fling Into Fall Chili Cook Off Winner!)

With help from the RSU 20 After School program, and SES, I have run two successful early release day field trips for the kids to enjoy. Both times we have ventured to the movies to enjoy one of the newest releases, popcorn, and some laughs. The kids were able to travel over the Penobscot Narrows Bridge for our last field trip of the year; something many of them hadn't been able to experience yet!

A fun youth basketball and cheer program was very well received with over 60 participants, and 7 volunteer coaches. Searsport Elementary and the Searsport Middle / High School have been very gracious in helping us get the court time needed to run a great program.

The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting was great fun this year with the Recreation Department sponsoring a fun afternoon of ornament decorating so the kids could help decorate our town tree. Thank you all for coming out to see our local Girl Scout Troop sing carols and help our town kick off the holiday season.

We ended the year looking forward to 2014 and purchasing some necessary equipment so our youth can continue to enjoy these activities for years to come. The success of the few short months that we had in 2013 shows me that the people of Searsport need and appreciate a fun and safe program that their children can be involved in and feel good about.

In addition to our youth sports programs and activities, Searsport Recreation will be hosting a variety of events and activities for our whole community. My goal is to provide fun, entertaining, and educational activities for all ages to enjoy.

To keep current with the upcoming activities and events, please visit our facebook pages:

Searsport Recreation
Searsport's Annual Fling Into Fall

I look forward to a wonderful 2014, and thank you for an amazing 2013!

Sincerely


Kari J. Cross

2013 Shellfish Management Committee Report

Members: Jay Economy, Chris Olsson, Phyllis Rackliffe, Bob Ramsdell, Steve Tanguay, Frank Whiting, Carlton Wiggin, Stan Wood

Shellfish Warden: Searsport Police Department

This year 35,000 juvenile clams were purchased for \$700 from the Downeast Institute for our seeding project. Five sites were selected and 7,000 clams were seeded at each site. 800 of these clams were seeded in flower pots by local students. They were set out April 20 and 22, and the netting removed October 26 and 27. Some sites were productive and others showed evidence of predation.

On August 17 Dr. Brian Beal conducted a Marine Ecology walk sponsored by the Friends of Sears Island; about 30 people were present. This resulted in the sale of two 72-hr licenses.

Because green crabs are a problem throughout the State, on August 27 and 28 Searsport was one of 37 towns that participated in a green crab survey. Thanks to Don Frank, with his boat and equipment, 10 traps were set out. A total of 402 green crabs were caught.

On September 28 and 29, SSMC participated in the Unity College Green Crab Project. Under the leadership of State Biologist Hannah Annis, the students set out four different types of crab traps in two sections of Long Cove. We found that the lobster trap type with 1/4" netting caught more crabs. We are still trying to decide how to deal with the green crab problem because they are killing our crabs.

This year 113 recreational licenses were issued: 85 were to residents, and 27 were to non-residents. In addition, 108 72-hr. licenses have been sold.

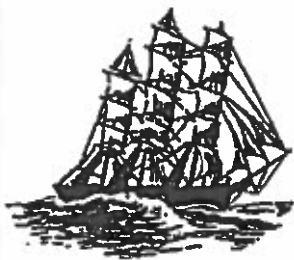
As a result of our clam survey the committee chose to not sell any commercial licenses.

As in the past the Shellfish Committee ran a monitor program, checking the flats at low tide. We are grateful for the support of the general public in respecting the experiment areas and in talking with the clam flat monitors, because it helps us gather data for our State Annual Report.

The Shellfish Committee welcomes new members. Please apply at the Searsport Town Office, or call 548-6372.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Ramsdell, SSMC Chair



Town of Searsport, Maine

Searsport Harbormaster

**P.O. Box 499
Searsport, Maine 04974
548-6372 • 548-2300**

Searsport harbor had numerous sail and powerboats (ranging in size from the 99' schooner Isaac H. Evans to a 25' inboard/outboard motorboat) visit Searsport Harbor, staying from a few hours to 3 days. We had 123 ships (which is a few less than 2012) visit the Port of Searsport. Visitors from all over experienced our attractive town, its beautiful waterfront park, Hamilton Marine and the local merchants, as well as the Penobscot Marine Museum, with its world-class exhibits of our heritage.

In January, the 2013 Mooring Applications were distributed to the Town Hall and mailed to current mooring owners.

March 20th through the 22nd, I attended the 28th Annual Harbormaster's Conference and Advanced Training Seminar in Castine, sponsored by the Maine Harbormaster Association and the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Once again, my fellow Harbormasters elected me to the Board of Directors of the Maine Harbormaster Association.

In May and June, floats and moorings for the 2013 season were put in the water. Searsport collected \$2,405 from 28 resident and 5 non-resident mooring owners, and \$3,213 in boat excise taxes. A new steel handicapped ramp was built for float number seven. In addition, for the 7th year, I donated my salary to help maintain equipment and camera systems for the municipal wharf.

As Harbormaster with several volunteers, I organized the popular and competitive row boat races that were held at the Town Dock during the Town's Fourth of July Celebration. Thirty participants competed for fastest times and bragging rights in 14 different age categories. Winners were awarded 1st, 2nd & 3rd place ribbons.

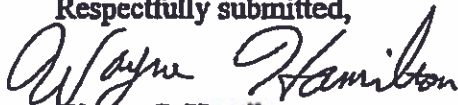
The following weekend, on a very warm Saturday, 28 boats competed in 26 races in the Searsport Lobster Boat Races. The fastest lobster boat hit speeds of 48 mph! Along with the Ambulance team and EMT's, I provided assistance on the water and dockside to the Lobster Boat Committee and organizers, Keith and Travis Otis. Thank you to all!

The U.S. Coast Guard, ship pilots and various other local harbormasters requested assistance from the Searsport Harbormaster to help find missing and/or stolen boats, search & rescue, shipping lane infractions, follow up on reported distress signals and engine breakdowns. We had good fortune with only three rescues and no cases of vandalism in 2013, down considerably from other years.

2013 was a windy year for Searsport Harbor. 29 out of 90 days (1/3 of the winter months) recorded Gale Wind Warnings (*winds of 34 to 47 knots are imminent or occurring.*) On February 8th, Searsport along with the rest of the eastern seaboard, felt the wrath of "Super Storm Nemo" with hurricane force winds, coastal flooding and heavy snow. Peak gusts of wind at the town wharf topped 54 mph. On November 1st, the National Weather Service recorded wind gusts at nearby buoys in the 41 mph range with waves reaching nearly 8 feet high. All of this wreaked havoc on the already weakened town wharf. Town Manager James Gillway and I focused on applying for a federal boating infrastructure grant and small harbor improvement funds to fix the municipal wharf for the next phase of our rebuilding process. In November, at special town meeting, we voted to use up to \$475,000 to match federal and state grants so as to move ahead with repairs to the wharf. 80 voters attended and the monies were approved 79-1. Thank you for your support. January 31, 2014, the town received word that we were awarded a \$250,000 grant to be used on the project. Bid requests will be going out for starting repairs this spring.

I want to gratefully acknowledge Jim Gillway's significant diligence and time spent to guarantee the future of our town's wharf. I also wish to recognize the Town Office staff, Searsport Ambulance Service, and the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments for their continued support and assistance and I would like to express my appreciation to everyone who has assisted me at various times throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,



Wayne C. Hamilton

**Carver Memorial Library Association
2013 Annual Report**

Carver Memorial Library is a creative and educational community center. Circulation at the library remains consistently high, with 2012 and 2013 showing the highest annual numbers to date. The library has seen a 25% increase in circulation over the five year period from 2009 – 2013. We provide free public access computers and high-speed Wi-Fi. Informal computer training is offered daily, and formal training seminars are on the calendar for 2014.

We are a Maine Public Library Information Commons site. The Information Commons project provides access to valuable resources and training materials for educators and students, professionals and business owners, job seekers, and more. These free resources include:

- Study guides and practice tests to prepare for SAT and ACT exams
- Job search and workplace development tools, and study guides for occupational exams
- Health insurance resources
- Legal information and assistance
- Access to State and Federal government programs and services

Programming highlights in 2013 include:

- Collaborations with Searsport Elementary School's Afterschool and Summer School programs, each of which spanned several weeks, and brought as many as 45 local children at a time to the library to take part in literacy and enrichment activities
- A lively themed book discussion series for adult readers
- Special events and author visits for young readers and adults

The Friends of Carver Memorial Library group was formed in 2013. The Friends will plan fundraising events, discuss the needs of the Library, and seek new ideas. In the coming year look for monthly book sales in the new mini bookshop space at the back of the library. The Friends welcome anyone who would like to participate. Contact the library for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erica Rubin Irish, Library Director
Priscilla King, President, Carver Memorial Library Association Board of Trustees

Thank you

January 31, 2013, our library director, Christina (Chase) Colasante, stepped down for health reasons after more than a decade of steering us into the new age of information technology while at the same time, building a collection we can be proud of. Her dedication to the library and her foresight to plan for its future sustainability has been a gift to us all. Our library is the equal of many in far larger communities and we owe a debt of gratitude to Chase for making it so. Thank you, Chase.

Anne Crimando
Anna Kessler
Marjorie Knuuti
Priscilla King

Thomas McKeon
Joanne McNally
Marietta Ramsdell
Phyllis Sommer

Trustees of the Carver Memorial Library Association

CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet 12/31/13

ASSETS	Cash	Checking		\$ 18,506.26
		Petty Cash		100.00
		Inventory		540.94
	Investments	Maine Community Foundation		271,046.19
		Joshua Curtis Fund		12,412.71
		Richard W. Beglin Literature		5,399.31
	Trust	James Nichols Fund		144,418.41
		Robert & Muriel List Fund		213,269.10
TOTAL ASSETS				\$665,692.92
LIABILITIES&EQUITY	Liabilities			-
	Equity			\$665,692.92
TOTAL L&E				\$665,692.92

Income Statement 12/31/13

DONATIONS	General		\$1,324.85
INVESTMENTS	Trusts and Investments	\$22,895.87	
	Interest Income	4.83	
			\$22,900.70
FUNDRAISING & OPERATIONS	Fundraising	\$2,467.59	
	Operations (Fees, Fines, Printing, Membership)	1,984.35	
			\$4,451.94
TOTAL INCOME			\$28,677.49
EXPENSES	Facilities & Equipment		\$ 397.12
	Occupancy		2,928.83
	Operations		13,261.84
	Program		1,030.23
	Technology		2,349.75
	Development		1,285.82
	Misc		288.06
Total Expenses			\$21,541.65
Surplus/(Deficit)			\$7,135.84

HISTORIC PRESRVATION COMMITTEE

TOWN OF SEARSPORT

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The committee meets usually the third Thursday of the month. Our aim is to promote pride in the community of our historical heritage

We continue to receive applications for approval of Historic House markers

In collaboration with the Penobscot Marine Museum, the Searsport Historical Society and the Cemetery Committee, we have researched grave sites of sea captains buried in Bowditch Cemetery and prepared commentary for an historical walking tour about the sites and the lives of the captains. During Fling Into Fall weekend we participated in the parade to advertise the introductory tour and then presented the tour at two different times to around 50 people. Brochures will be prepared for individuals to take a self guided tour or a group tour. Other cemeteries will be considered in the future.

We entered into a discussion of Volkswalking sponsored by the Volkspport Association to promote tourism of local historical and recreational sites. This is non-competitive outdoor walking through scenic, historic or otherwise interesting area over a predetermined route and would lend itself to our historic picturesque community.

With church members, we are planning tours of Safe Harbor Church to view the stained glass windows

We continue to gather historical information about the town and structures. These are placed in the GIS archives to preserve history and to be made available for people interested in research

We had the pleasure of viewing the video presentation of the work done by Faith and Don Garrold preparing a data base on information about all the Searsport Cemeteries

2013 Mass Communications Committee Annual Report

During 2013 we continued the filming of all committee and board meetings that were held in the Searsport Town Office. The meetings are then made available to the viewing public live on Searsport Time Warner Cable channel 7, recorded to be repeated at various times during the month on channel 7, and placed on the town web site www.searsport.maine.gov. If you are out of town or don't have access to Time Warner Cable, the video's on the web site are a way you can keep up with committee and board meetings. It was also a busy year for the camera operator team. My thanks go out to Don Garrold and Butch Norman for the work they did in covering the Planning Board Public Meetings at the school.

Our Public Access channel 2 continues to have over 100 shows available each week. The show episodes normally rotate on a monthly basis. This past year we have added "Yankee Girl TV", "A Taste of Theater", "Just Picture It", "The Norfolk Knitting School", "News Desk", and a number of other shows. We are happy to announce that Deloris Merithew, a resident of Searsport, has been appearing as a regular on the "Men on Fire Gospel Music" show which airs on Channel 2 Sundays at 10 AM. If anyone is interested in playing or singing Gospel Music on the show please contact Deloris or myself for information. Channel 2 Schedules are available at the town office and on the station's Bulletin Board which plays between shows.

We have replaced two of the tube type camera monitors in 2013 with solid state monitors and upgraded the DVR recorder. This year we would like to start replacing some of our older studio cameras with state of the art High Definition cameras and control units. This would give the viewing public sharper pictures and ready the town for the HD change of the cable system.

If you are interested or know someone interested in hosting, recording, or helping us continue to bring community TV to Searsport please call me at the Searsport Town Office 548.6372.

We wish to thank the Selectmen, Town Manager and Staff, Town Committees, volunteers and residents for their support of the Mass Communications Committee, Video System, and Town Web Site.

Respectfully submitted,


George B. Kerper Jr.

2013 CEMETERY COMMITTEE REPORT

This committee meets once prior to Memorial Day to organize and then carry out the placement of American Flags at each veteran's grave in the town. Each cemetery has two persons who are responsible for this along with periodic visits to evaluate overall conditions. A meeting is held after Labor Day to review the season's activities in each individual cemetery.

We have initiated a periodic Newsletter in an effort to maintain communications during the summer interval. These publications report on development and maintenance programs. Committee members and persons interested in the cemeteries are encouraged to provide feedback. All committee meetings and now all newsletters are available in a loose-leaf book available at town office.

The Historical Preservation Committee, Penobscot Marine Museum, Fling in to Fall Celebration and the Cemetery Committee collaborated on a Historical Tour of the Bowditch Cemetery. This was well received and plans are being made for the tour of another cemetery in 2014.

We are working with the Town Manager (Cemetery Sexton) to evaluate requiring vaults for interment of remains. This is an environmental issue that has been brought to the Sexton for evaluation. We are fortunate to have a Searsport native who is a knowledgeable professional.

The new addition to Merithew Cemetery has been cleared, graded and seeded. Moving the original wrought iron fence and gate will be done in 2014, as will be the lot/grave configuration for sale of the graves. The new road is in place and the old road will be closed to the public.

We are evaluating replacing all cemetery signs. The paint is severely checked and will soon start peeling.

Cemeteries are served by:

Bowditch – Mary Brann and Colleen York

Elmwood – Faith and Don Garrold

Evergreen – Faith and Don Garrold

Gordon – Alberta Ames and Sandra Otis Anderson

Merithew – Jackie Howard and Milford Grant

Mount Hope (private) – Deloris Merithew and Lois Jackson

Village – Noreen Fernands and Raymond Smith

Resource – John Long

Respectfully submitted,
Don Garrold, Chair

2013 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM REPORT

The Tax Maps (Index and twenty one maps) were updated to the 2013 tax commitment.

The Road Map was revised based upon the ortho-photography as available. This consisted of adjusting the location and alignment of several private ways.

The Road Atlas was revised to include the above adjustments and input from ambulance personnel with on the site knowledge.

Maps and names listings were updated for our seven cemeteries.

The Merithew Cemetery sidelines from the original cemetery along the new expansion to the road were marked to facilitate construction.

The annual fall evaluation of town road surfaces and drainage (32 miles) was conducted. The data and report are currently (2014) being prepared for the Town Manager and Road Foreman.

The Shoreland Zone Map is being updated for review by the Planning Board.

A Belfast to Verona Island base map was prepared for the Java Group to aid in their efforts to create a brochure.

Searsport is cooperating with the Waldo County Commissioners as they join the Maine State Ortho-Imagery program. This program provides new aerial photography of the state on a five-year interval. These images are the basis for evaluating and revising our infrastructure. This leads to better management of town responsibilities.

**Respectfully submitted,
Don Garrold, GIS Provider**

**Mosman Memorial Park Association
P.O. Box 265
Searsport, Maine 04974**

January 2014

To the Citizens of Searsport:

In 2013, as in the past, Mosman Memorial Park continues to be a hub of activity in historic, vibrant Searsport. This free-to-all facility is a magnet bringing people into town for recreation and special events. The town crew continues to do an excellent job keeping up the grounds, Kinney's maintains the port-a-potties in excellent condition, and the Searsport Water District maintains the fountain for all to use. Don Wiggin handles flag duty and he and Don Garrold pick up the grounds daily.

During the 2012-2013 season the park was reserved for special occasions such as birthday parties, school and church picnics, antiques auto shows and craft fairs, class and family reunions, and a band concert. The lobster boat races and July 4th fireworks brought the usual crowds. We even had a wedding at the park. The long planned memorial bench was put in place.

Since 1963, the Association and the Town of Searsport have worked cooperatively to make the park a facility that all can enjoy. The Town Meeting annually appropriates funds to help maintain the park. The Mosman Memorial Park Association is grateful for all the support the town provides to the maintenance and operation of the park.

Respectfully submitted,


Bob McGee, President

Searsport Water District 2013

To start 2013 off with a bang we were excited to learn that our application to the Maine Municipal Bond Bank (MMBB) for the purpose of refinancing the District's existing bonds was accepted and approved by MMBB. The exciting news is that the District's existing bonds with USDA Rural Development were refinanced at a much lower rate for a much shorter period of time. Although the annual savings only amounted to approximately \$4,000.00 per year the overall savings in interest over the length of the original notes was over \$600,000.00. This new bond is scheduled to be paid off in 20 years versus the original notes that ranged between 30 and 40 years. This will allow the District to continue its efforts to make necessary improvements to the distribution system earlier than anticipated. This is important since much of the existing water main that is scheduled for replacement was installed in 1906.

In 2013 we spent much of our time during the spring and early summer months working on making upgrades and changes to portions of the distribution system in Stockton Springs. This was done in agreement with the Maine DOT in coordination with their sidewalk project along Main Street and Church Street. Those upgrades included new valves and tees at the intersection of Main Street and Church Street, One (1) fire hydrant removal, one (1) fire hydrant relocation, three (3) fire hydrant replacements as well as several service renewals and removals.

In the field we installed two (2) new residential services at the request and expense of the customer and renewed two (2) services in Stockton Springs. Replaced a fire hydrant on the Cape Jellison Road and repaired four (4) main breaks and three (3) service line leaks as well as replacing several service boxes and rods. We also cleared a portion of the water main right of way that services the Harris Road area. All fire hydrants now have new reflective markers and flags to assure that they are more visible at night and in the winter months.

The PRV building in Stockton Springs was completely rebuilt along with new electrical systems that were installed by contracted companies. As part of this project the District purchased a new pump and Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) along with new meters and piping. In order to reduce costs these items were installed very professionally by District personnel. At that same time we also purchased a new pump for our Interconnection Station, which will be installed by District personnel in the spring of 2014. The new pumps at the PRV and Interconnection Stations will increase our ability to pump water, during emergency situations, from the Belfast Water District's system to the reservoirs in Stockton Springs.

In October the Searsport Water District hosted the Maine Water Utilities Association Bi-Monthly Meeting / Conference at the Searsport Lions Club building on Prospect Street in Searsport. Prior to the conference being held the District employees got together and cleaned and freshly painted the interior of the Lions Club as well as the front exterior of their building. This was our way of giving back to the community and providing our local Lions Club with some much needed help and support. The Lions Club members and Bay Area Lions were also able to raise additional money by providing and serving the food for conference attendees. They did a spectacular job and I would encourage anyone looking to plan a meeting or event of any type within the

Searsport area to contact the Lions Club and find out how they may be able to serve you and your organization.

In the fall of 2013 the Trustees and Maine Drinking Water Program approved and authorized the purchase of a new single deep bubble aeration system which will replace three (3) older single purpose radon removal units. The new high tech system is designed to remove excessive dissolved carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the District's ground water. Removal of the excessive CO₂ has been proven, in most cases, to increase the pH by increasing the alkalinity. This is expected to allow the District to completely eliminate the need for adding Sodium Silicate, which was added to the drinking water for the past 18 years for the purpose of eliminating corrosion within the distribution and residential plumbing systems. Elimination of Sodium Silicate will reduce the District's treatment costs by approximately \$6,000.00 annually. Although Sodium Silicate is a very safe and reliable way to reduce corrosion, it's always a nice feeling when you can eliminate the need to add any additional chemicals to the water. This new system, which will go online in March 2014, will cost the District approximately \$80,000.00 for the complete installation but will pay for itself in approximately 13 years by eliminating the District's annual chemical costs for Sodium Silicate.

The final portion of wood harvesting took place on District owned property around the pump station with finalization of that project being completed when the ground freezes in the winter. The funds from the wood harvesting projects have been used to support upgrades that the District made to its facilities in 2013.

We continue to work on our meter replacement program by installing the new radio read meters in customer homes that have the older style pulse read meters. Several have been installed to date with great success and installation of the new meters has significantly reduced the time that it takes to read the meters each month. We will continue this program on an annual basis. The District appreciates its customers patience and cooperation during this process.

In 2013, the District pumped a total of 93,911,000 gallons of water. This amount is down 17,057,000 gallons from 2012. Our daily average was 257,290 gallons per day or 179 gallons per minute. This amount is 40.42% of the total daily safe yield based on a safe yield of 636,500 gallons per day. Total metered customer usage during 2013 was 56,674,076 gallons. This amount is down 7,470,460 gallons from 2012 and is directly attributed to customer conservation and repairs to leaks after meters for our larger customers.

In closing, I would like everyone to know that we hired a new full-time Service Technician in August 2013. His name is Adam Clark and we are very pleased to have him join our team, so please welcome him when you see him out in the field. Adam was hired to replace long time employee Bruce Page, who retired from his position as Foreman on December 31, 2013. Bruce, who had worked for the District for nearly 29 years, began working for the District on March 21, 1985 and currently holds the rank of the longest working employee for the Searsport Water District. We'd like to thank Bruce for all of his hard work and dedication over the years and wish him the very best and many years of rest from work.

I'd also like to thank the entire staff and Trustees for their continued effort to provide you, our customer, with an excellent supply of water. We are always ready to serve and always have at least one employee on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Should you need emergency assistance after hours please call the emergency number listed below. You can also find us on the web at www.searsportwater.org. This site, which is continuously being updated, contains a wide variety of information including water rates, water quality, contractor specification sheets and contact information. While on our website you will notice that you can now pay your bill online using your Visa, Discover, and MasterCard or by Electronic Check. You can also stop in at our office or call us to make your payment over the phone. Please note that there are minimal fees for using these payment options. Please feel free to contact our office staff at (207) 548-2910 for details regarding these options and fees.

Should you have any other questions or concerns please call us at our office using the number listed below between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or email us at info@searsportwater.org. You can also go to our website at www.searsportwater.org and click the @ symbol on the upper right hand corner of our website and use our web based email from that location. Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,

Herb Kronholm

Herb Kronholm, Superintendent
Searsport Water District

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Larry Clark, Clerk

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Phone: (207) 548-2910 Fax: (207) 548-6719 email: info@searsportwater.org
Business hours are Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
In case of an emergency during non business hours please call the
Waldo County Dispatch Center @ 1-800-660-3398

**Wastewater
2013 Annual Report**

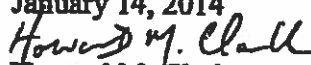
The Town of Searsport Wastewater Department had a successful year in 2013. We added some much needed equipment for both the treatment plant and collection system, as well as completing some major projects throughout the year.

The discharge license process was completed in a timely fashion. The application was sent to MDEP in May and our response to USEPA was sent prior to their deadline in November. Though we have not yet received any ruling from either party, we are within the law and are currently operating under the conditions of our previous discharge permit. This should be resolved fairly soon in 2014.

The wastewater collection system is now over 25 years old. We purchased a camera and locator in April to begin inspection of our sewer lines. We are gradually discovering that we have great potential for inflow and infiltration. However, we exceeded our design flow capacity only twice in 2013. Pump station repairs were done at both the Savage Road and Summer Street locations. In addition, we had the rotophase generator rebuilt to provide us with an emergency back up unit on Cottage Street. In December, we rebuilt the pump for the station on Mt. Ephraim Road. As the equipment ages, we need to stay ahead of the situation and be proactive instead of reactive.

Repairs at the treatment plant were the key to our success for the year. We completely rebuilt the mechanical bar screen in February at a savings of \$ 45,000 from the manufacturers estimate, by doing all of the labor ourselves. We replaced the mechanical seals to both of our influent pumps, which saved us on water usage. We also got most of the exterior lighting around the perimeter of the plant repaired. The remaining lights are purchased and scheduled to be replaced in 2014. In addition, the decant valve to our sludge holding tank was excavated and repaired, thus improving our ability to concentrate the solids and dewater the sludge effectively. We also purchased a used utility truck and plow which has made snow clean up faster and much more efficient.

In closing, I would just like to thank all of our customers for their support throughout the year. If you have any questions concerning operations at the plant, we are available at 45 Navy Street, or by telephone at (207) - 548 - 6320. Billing questions can be directed to Polly Abbott at (207) - 548 - 6372. We will be happy to answer them if we can.

Respectfully Submitted,
January 14, 2014

Howard M. Clark
Wastewater Operator

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT #20

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Taxpayers and Citizens of RSU #20,

The challenging economic times resulting from the past economic downturn continue to be felt in education and other areas even though the government and economists say things are improving. In these challenging economic times, RSU #20 continues to provide and improve educational opportunities for all students. RSU #20 is able to do this through the hard work of our dedicated teachers, educational support staff and administration within RSU #20. Without their dedication and commitment, none of what is done to make the educational changes necessary to ensure student success would or could happen. RSU #20 accomplishes this through implementing changes that meet students' varied learning styles and challenging students at all levels while providing educational opportunities to prepare students for their future endeavors. All schools in the RSU are moving forward with new and exciting educational changes. In Grades K – 5, a new science initiative (in cooperation with the University of Maine through the National Science Foundation) is being used to improve science instruction and provide a continuum into middle school and high school. Schools are using new structures and instructional techniques such as mass customized learning and flipped classrooms to improve student achievement and outcomes. Other initiatives to improve RSU 20 student education and educational opportunities include 1) the development of a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program with a focused curriculum on marine biology, transportation and technology, 2) implementation of a Grade 9 Academy to support students as they transition from middle school to high school and 3) providing groups of students (Juniors) with the opportunity to physically visit post secondary institutions hoping it will raise their aspirations and encourage them to attend a post secondary school after graduation from high school. These are just a few highlights of what is happening in RSU #20 schools. A full list and details on all initiatives would require many pages.

Our financial challenges remain the same as we move through FY14 and into FY15. A slowly recovering economy, a lack of State revenue and other budget shortfalls continue to impact educational funding. The State's educational funding projection for FY15 is for flat funding with a \$9.6 million curtailment for FY15. A curtailment of this amount is a reduction in educational funding to RSU #20 of approximately \$160,000 to \$170,000. Flat funding does not mean that RSU #20 will receive the same State subsidy as the previous year; flat funding means no more money will be added to the General Fund for education. Additionally, the amount of State subsidy that education receives could be impacted by legislative decisions yet to be made. RSU #20 needs to deal with these revenue and financial issues in a way that has the least impact on the education of students.

The bottom line is that our students' education must be the main focus and consideration in any and all financial decisions by the Board of Directors.

I urge taxpayers and citizens of RSU #20 to stay informed on the school budget, what is happening in their municipalities, and what is occurring in Augusta. Set aside some time to speak with your representative on the Board of Directors. The RSU #20 Board of Directors, administration, teachers and educational support staff are committed to maintaining the highest quality education for all RSU #20 students.

Thank you for your continued educational support for all students in RSU #20. Working together, it is possible to overcome any financial hurdles RSU #20 may encounter.

Sincerely
Brian M. Carpenter
Superintendent of Schools, RSU #20

2013 UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES

ADAMS, KENNETH & DOROTHY	593.40	CARKNER, SELMA LIVING TRUST	3,534.60
ADAMS, MARY JANE, RICHARD E.	737.45	CARTER FARM REALTY TRUST	909.45
ALLEN, ROBERT	1,268.50	CARTER FARM REALTY TRUST	692.30
ANNIS, GARY & MARY	950.30	CARTER FARM REALTY TRUST	1,152.40
ANNIS, LEON & ALLYSON PLACE	724.55	CATALDO, BARBARA R.	1,588.85
ARMINGTON, RACHEL	124.70	CIOFOLO, CATHERINE A. & THOMAS	2,084.45
ARSENAULT, ALLEN	520.30	CIOFOLO, THOMAS A. & CATHERINE A.	1,515.30
ASHEY, LELAND & LINDA	2072.60	CLARK, PATRICIA	868.65
ASHEY, VICKIE	18.39	CLARK, SHANNON	513.85
BAGLEY, ANGELA L.	1,244.85	CLEMENTS, APRIL DAWN	619.20
BAILEY, WILLIAM H. & MARLENE F.	539.65	CONNOR, CAROLINE M.	1,408.25
BAKER, SANDRA MARTENS	3,534.60	CONNOR, HERBERT R. & CATHY	75.64
BALDUS, DR. LOREN	4,343.00	CONNOR, ROBERT & LAURA	301.00
BANKS, WILLIAM, JR. & RAYLENE	660.75	CONNORS, DAVID E. & LINDA J.	1,829.65
BEAN, MIRISSA & JUSTIN	238.65	COOK, BRADLEY R. & CHARLENE W.	3,689.40
BIRGFELD, DOUGLAS & BRENDA	4,384.80	COOK, RONALD A. & BARBARA J.	823.45
BLAKE, SCOTT & GLEASON (HEIRS)	75.25	COOKSON, CASSANDRA & SEAN	38.70
BORMET, DOROTHY	139.65	CORMIER, JONATHAN & DAWN MARI	982.55
BORRUSO, ROBERT A. &	761.10	CORNELL, ALBERTA G.	1,023.40
BOUCHARD, INC.	2,423.05	COTTRELL, DALE C. & LYNN M.	1,566.20
BOWDEN, JENNIFER LYNN	804.10	CROSBY, ROBERT &	1,717.85
BRADSTREET, CALVIN	17.20	CROSS, GERALD R., JR. &	1,528.65
BRADSTREET, DELVIN	270.90	CHRISTOPHER E.	
BRADSTREET, MARK E. & LINDA T.	3,000.00	CROSSMAN, ATHENA	2,184.40
BRAGDON, DALE	636.40	CURTIS, KENNETH & NANETTE	442.90
BRAGDON, MARIE	393.45	CURTIS, LARRY	520.30
BRAGDON, STEPHEN E.	765.40	DAKIN, SHEILA J.	88.15
BRAZIER, JEFFREY	1,290.00	DAKIN, SHEILA J. & JASON A.	2,354.25
BRAZIER, JEFFREY & LOURDES	1,115.85	DICKEY, JEFFERY	754.65
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	307.45	DICKEY, JEFFREY A.	318.20
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	313.90	DICKEY, MARY LOU	447.20
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	311.75	DOLIBER, KELLY W. & IRENE M.	309.60
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	305.30	* DOWN EAST CREDIT UNION	1,999.50
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	309.60	DOWN EAST CREDIT UNION	316.05
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	316.05	DUDLEY, ESTHER(HEIRS)	1,621.10
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	303.15	DYER, CATHY	473.00
BROWER, HOWARD S., TRUSTEE	307.45	EADS, GREG F. & MARY S.	5,035.30
BROWN, DOUGLAS	1,283.55	EDMAN IRREVOCABLE TRUST	445.55
BRUNK, ANDREW S. & PAMELA W.	1,150.25	ELLIS, EDWARD R. & BRENDA J.	496.65
BUCKLIN, PAMELA & STEVEN	361.20	ELLIS, MICHAEL A.(HEIRS)	989.00
BUTTLE, KENNETH F., TRUSTEE	3,594.80	ELWELL, DAVID M.	2,162.90
BUYERS, BRIAN H. & BEVERLY K.	2,666.00	ELWELL, GARY	539.65
CALLAHAN, MICHAEL R. & ARLENE M.	2,648.80	ENTRUST FREEDOM, LLC	3,801.20
CALLAWAY, JENNY D.	1,872.65		

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ESTES, DAVID E. &	2,543.45	HIGGINS, DONNA L. & SHANON L. &	537.50
EVANS, CHARLES G. & DIANA G.	1,279.25	HMC HOSPITALITY, LLC	12,930.10
EVANS, CHARLES G. & DIANA G.	638.55	HOOLEY, PAUL	5,566.35
EVANS, KENNETH	667.58	HOPKINS, SCOTT & SARAH	2,274.70
FALZONE, FRED M.	616.20	HUSTUS, DALE, JR.	737.45
FAWCETT, FREDERICK JOHN, 3RD &	2,616.55	HUSTUS, JEFFREY	1,616.80
FLOOD, KERI E. &	1,283.55	HUSTUS, NATHAN	208.44
* FOWLER, DALE L.	606.60	HUSTUS, PAUL	610.60
FRASER, ANTHONY & DOROTHY	381.55	HUTCHINS, FREDERICK D.& RHONDA	711.65
FRENCH, DANIEL C.	496.65	HUTCHINSON, KATHRINE ROBIN, &	3,098.15
FRENCH, GERALD M., JR. & BETH L.	1,990.90	SPENCER, KRISTEN &	
GAREY, STATIRA LYNNE	213.85	* IMERYS CLAYS, INC.	73,738.55
GHEENT, BRADLEY J.	131.15	JAMESON, JERRY & JOANNE	404.78
GILMORE, DIANE & HILLARD	1,702.80	JEPSON, KURT & LYNN	761.10
GILMORE, DIANE & HILLARD	743.90	JEPSON, KURT & LYNN	754.65
GIROUX, LEONARD	161.25	JOHNSON, KARL R.	634.25
GOGUEN, MICHAEL	305.30	JOHNSON, SANDRA	490.20
GOLDBERG, NATHAN	2,736.95	KADO, INC.	3,098.15
* GOTT, STEPHEN A.	678.24	KENDALL, BENJAMN, JR. & ELIZABETI	1,315.80
GRANT, KENNETH H. & JANET A.	430.00	KENDALL, PATRICIA	991.15
GRANT, KENNETH H. & JANET A.	1,988.75	KENISTON, JESSE	767.55
GRANT, KIRK & KRISTIE	1,096.50	KENNEY, ALAN K.	1,591.00
GRAY, AARON WYATT & TAMMY	3,214.25	KENNEY, STEPHEN A.	10.75
GREENLEAF, BRYANT	133.30	KILBY, LAURA K.	982.55
GRINNELL, ARTHUR E., JR. &	1,741.50	KING, PERCY, JR. & PRISCILLA	800.00
KIMBERLY S.		KINNEY, MAX R.	384.85
GROSS, GRANVILLE(DEVISEES)	258.00	KIRBY, NORMAN	769.60
GROVE, HAROLD BRIAN	950.30	KISSELOFF, RUTH ANN	2,631.60
GROVE, HAROLD BRIAN	242.95	* KNOWLES, PAULINE M.WING	190.97
GROVE, HAROLD BRIAN	1,434.05	KNOX, DANIEL J.W.	460.10
HALL, CLAUDIA E.	681.55	KRAVITZ, JUDITH	997.60
HALL, ELLEETTA L.	1,453.40	KRIENKE, NAHOME E.	1,012.65
HANEY, APRIL D.	1,711.40	LANPHER, ROYCE &	1,236.25
HARRIMAN, SANDRA K.	1,066.40	LARRABEE, CHARLES & NANCY	1,408.25
HARRIMAN, TODD & BRANDYJO	230.05	LARRABEE, DOROTHY & LESLIE	414.95
HARVEY, JAMES & ELIZABETH	479.45	LEALI, ROBERT(HEIRS)	488.05
HARVEY, MARILYN	608.45	LEEMAN, JEROME	410.65
HASHEM, TIMOTHY	980.27	* LESLIE, MICHAEL	
HECT, KATHERINE C.	892.25	ET AL	1,452.20
* HEROUX, WILLIAM E., II &	643.16	LITTLEFIELD, SCOTT A. & BRENDA A.	2,870.25
HERSOM, DAVID G. II &	1,030.90	LITTLEFIELD, SHARON E. & NATHAN	634.25
HERSON, HEATHER	466.55	LLOYD, MICHAEL	1,747.95
HI VISTAS, LLC	5.53	LOCKE, ROBIN	301.00
HIGGINS, DONNA L. & SHANON L. &	1,227.65	LOCKE, ROBIN G. & RICHARD H.	432.15

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LOUNDER, ERIC C. & RUTH I.	746.05	MORIN, STEPHEN C.& KATHY D.	638.55
LOVELY PROPERTIES, LLC	1,993.05	MOULTON, DARREN	189.20
MAHONEY, SHAWN T. & ELLEN	2,169.35	MOULTON, KEVIN	726.70
MARKWARDT, DOUGLAS S. & MARCIA	4,450.70	MOULTON, MICHAEL SCOTT	195.65
MARRINER, DARRIN T.	2,236.00	MOULTON, RONALD I., JR.	369.80
MARTIN, BEVERLY B.	2,046.80	MOULTON, STEPHEN K., JR.	559.00
MATTHEWS, DANIEL	1,453.40	MUNSTER, REBECCA	523.72
MATTHEWS, RANDY(HEIRS)	819.15	MURNANE, ANNE	576.20
MCGLAUFLIN, DANIEL J. &	3,498.05	NICKERSON, ANNA	894.40
MCGOWAN, JOHN	2,109.15	NICKERSON, FRANCIS J.	1,509.30
MCGRATH, JOHN F., TRUSTEE	258.00	NICKERSON, MARK E.	292.40
MCINTIRE, REBECCA	3,121.80	NICKERSON, RUTH ANN	1,388.90
MCKEEN, SANDRA	672.95	NICKERSON, SARAH	251.55
MCKEIGE, GAYLE K.	2,162.90	NICKERSON, SARAH	2,008.10
MCKINNEY, LAWRENCE A. & RUTH	795.50	NICKERSON, SARAH R.	786.90
MCLAUGHLIN, JACK, JR. &	465.47	NIELSEN, CHRISTIAN J.	776.15
MCLAUGHLIN, SCOTT A. & CARMEN G.	2,248.90	NIELSEN, RICHARD & DONNA	1,352.35
MCLAUGHLIN, SCOTT A. & CARMEN G.	2,248.90	NIELSEN, RICHARD D.	13.99
MEHUREN, JERRY & RENEE	844.95	NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND	217.15
MEIGS, E. KELLEY	960.74	TELEPHONE OPERATIONS LLC	
MELLITZ, EDWARD B. &	940.40	NOYES, LOIS M.	946.00
MERITHEW, ANTHONY & DELORES	466.55	O'BRIEN, DENNIS C.	176.30
MERITHEW, ANTHONY & DELORES	1,111.55	O'DONNELL, JEWEL E. & TIMOTHY D.	1,887.70
MERITHEW, ANTHONY & DELORES	3,323.90	OEDER, ELAINE	1,000.00
MERRY, BRITTANY L.	892.25	OLSON, JANE	1,530.80
MERRY, DENNIS W.	743.90	PAGE, DONALD	161.25
MERRY, DENNIS W.	393.45	PEAK, DARLENE	2,178.70
MERRY, TINA L.	537.50	PEASLEY, BRANDY M. &	1,956.50
MICKALOWSKI, SUSAN	767.55	PENNEY, JOHN R. &	1,173.90
MILIANO, MICHAEL E.	2,319.85	PERRY, BARBARA & PETER	360.33
MILLER, BLAINE &	199.95	PERRY, JOSEPH E., JR.	1,892.00
MILLER, BLAINE N. &	6.36	PIKE, FREDERICK E.	1,268.50
MILLER, PHYLLIS V.	685.85	PLANTATION III	801.95
MILLER, PHYLLIS V.	752.50	PLANTATION III	761.10
MILLETTE, PHILIP J., JR.	1,195.40	PLANTATION III	199.95
MILLIKEN, MICHELLE L. &	681.55	PLUMMER, JANIE A. & JOSEPH H.	5,613.45
MONTREAL, MAINE & ATLANTIC	75.25	POMEROY, AUDREY S.	490.20
RAILWAY, LTD.		POMEROY, AUDREY S.	277.35
MONTREAL, MAINE & ATLANTIC	1,455.55	POMEROY, HUGH A., JR. &	623.50
RAILWAY, LTD.		POMEROY, HUGH A., JR. & LINDA F.	978.25
MONTREAL, MAINE & ATLANTIC	3,534.60	POMEROY, LINDA	1,425.45
RAILWAY, LTD.		POMEROY, LINDA	546.10
MOODY, ANDREA	539.65	POMEROY, LINDA	733.15
* MOORE, ROBERT & JUDITH	251.15	POMEROY, SHERYL	1,816.75
		PRISCO, SUSAN	12,000.00

2013 UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES

PYLE, CYRIL B., SR. & LINDA A.	197.80	SEEKINS, MICHAEL A. & TERRIE	1,382.45
RAINEY, JOHN P.	761.10	SEEKINS, SHAWN	670.80
REED, WENDY	720.25	SEEKINS, VICKI	189.20
REMILLARD, CHERYL	2,724.05	SHAW, DONALD & CONSTANCE	96.75
REMILLARD, CHERYL	1,916.73	SHUTE, KEVIN & ASHLEY	55.90
RESH, DONALD H., JR.	634.25	SIMMONS, LISA J. &	764.50
RESNIK, MICHAEL D.	3,534.60	SMITH, BARBARA	51.60
RHODES, RANDY	780.45	* SMITH, BARBARA	700.90
RICHARDS, DONALD M. & PATRICIA	1,068.55	SMITH, BARBARA	120.40
RICHMOND, ALAN L.	1,788.80	SMITH, DAVID(HEIRS)	1,367.40
RINES, BARBARA	1,530.80	SMITH, GLORIA	326.80
RIPLEY, TERRY & LISA	986.85	SMITH, MERRILL	2,756.30
RIVERS, JOSHUA JAMES & DANIEL S.	877.86	SMITH, RICHARD & IRENE	1,027.70
ROBBINS & POMEROY LAND	430.00	SNODGRASS, SCOTT	612.75
DEVELOPMENT, INC.		SPRAGUE, ROBERT S. &	1,397.50
ROBBINS & POMEROY LAND	148.58	STAIRS, TERRANCE & GLEN GARDE	2,962.70
DEVELOPMENT, INC.		STANHOPE, AMBER H. & WAYNE A.	335.40
ROBBINS, BRENDA	2,096.25	STEMP, SHAWN F. & ANGIE S.	3,424.95
ROBBINS, CINDY VIRGINIA	700.90	STONE, DONALD	4,237.65
ROBBINS, NICHOLAS	621.30	STONE, DONALD	206.40
ROBBINS, SHANNON LYNN	384.85	SYLVESTER, JOSHUA D. & CINDY A.	797.65
ROBERTS, GARY & MARY	946.00	* TABER, PETER	2,324.15
ROBERTS, LINDA	1,982.30	TAGUE, JANIS C.	494.50
ROBERTSON, ROGER & KAREN	627.80	TAHA, PAULA	774.00
ROMAN, EVELYN	565.45	TALGO, AARON	176.30
ROUTE 1 ROADHOUSE, LLC	2,778.32	TALGO, GREG	402.05
RUSSELL, GILMAN R.	1,326.55	TAUNGATUA, SIONE	522.45
RUSSELL, GILMAN R.	187.05	TAYLOR, LESLIE M.	6,669.30
RUSSELL, GILMAN R.	841.36	THOMAS, TAMMY L.	2,016.70
RYAN, KENNETH W., JR.	1,120.15	THOMPSON, MARCIA & RETHEL M., I	1,717.85
RYAN, WAYNE & PATRICIA	1,715.29	TODD, JAMES L. & LAURIE A.	199.95
RYDER, PATRICIA	120.40	TRISCH, GENE A. & HARRIET J.	481.60
SAIDAK, MICHELLE	1,747.95	UPHAM, EDWARD D. & JUDIE P.	4,964.35
SANBORN-GRAY, LISA C. &	4,942.85	VAN DYKE, ROBERT & KATHREEN	51.60
SANTOS, NESTOR & ERLINDA A.	677.25	VAUGHAN, WILLIAM	939.55
SAWYER, IRENE	180.60	VILES, LAURIE A.	584.80
SCHWEIKERT, DAVID L.	232.20	WALDRON, ALLEN R. & KATHLEEN M.	537.50
SEAMANS, LUANN ET AL	2,102.70	WARD, CLARENCE & KAREN	733.15
SEAVEY, JOHN L.	380.55	WARD, CLARENCE, III & JAMIE	1,356.65
SEEKINS, BONNIE	954.60	WARD, THOMAS RUSSELL & LOUISE	55.90
SEEKINS, EARL	311.75	WARD, THURLOW & FAYE	414.95
SEEKINS, EDITH	844.95	WARDWELL, DIANE	256.60
SEEKINS, EDITH	681.55	* WARMAN, PHILIP A.	632.10
SEEKINS, LEROY, JR.	223.60	WARREN, DAVID W.	1,072.85

2013 UNCOLLECTED REAL ESTATE TAXES

WARREN, DAVID W.	103.20
WARREN, GLORIA	445.05
* WARREN, JOSEPH C.	501.05
WEAVER, ELSIE S. (DEVISEES)	1,605.12
WEAVER, RICKY A.	1,201.85
WELLS, MELISSA	1,436.20
WENZ, WILLIAM & JENNIFER	1,363.10
WESER, ROBERT G. & SUSAN M.	3,290.79
WEST, ELIZABETH (HEIRS)	1,197.55
WHITCOMB, RODNEY M. & LISA J.	2,141.40
WIGGIN, KRISTIN M.	526.75
WILBUR, TERRY A. & MICHELLE L.	1,601.75
WILEY, CHARLES, JR. & PAULINE	436.45
WILLIAMS, ROSE	292.40
WILSON, TIMOTHY C.	1,664.10
WOODARD, TINA	51.85
YOUNG, ROBERT (HEIRS)	1,296.45
TOTAL	506,361.01

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ADAMS, KENNETH & DOROTHY	638.05	KENNEY, STEPHEN A.	73.21
• ADAMS, MARY JANE, RICHARD E.	593.19	KILBY, LAURA K.	1,024.42
ADAMS,		KINNEY, MAX R.	439.38
ANNIS, LEON & ALLYSON PLACE	159.86	KISSELOFF, RUTH ANN	2,640.74
ARSENAULT, ALLEN	560.39	KNOX, DANIEL J.W.	513.04
ASHEY, LELAND & LINDA	2,091.37	KRAVITZ, JUDITH	729.25
BOUCHARD, INC.	2,441.15	LANE, BEVERLY(DEVISEES)	258.40
BRADSTREET, CALVIN	69.52	LITTLEFIELD, SHARON E. & NATHAN	689.61
BRADSTREET, DELVIN	340.06	MATTHEWS, DANIEL	1,186.53
BRAGDON, MARIE	437.35	MATTHEWS, RANDY(HEIRS)	136.22
CALLAWAY, JENNY D.	836.88	MCGRATH, JOHN F., TRUSTEE	303.64
CARTER FARM REALTY TRUST	941.29	MCINTIRE, REBECCA	2,517.98
CARTER FARM REALTY TRUST	728.74	MCLAUGHLIN, JACK, JR. &	506.72
CARTER FARM REALTY TRUST	1,185.20	MCLAUGHLIN, SCOTT A. & CARMEN	2,270.05
CLARK, SHANNON	565.65 *	MERRY, BRITTANY L.	570.91
CLEMENTS, APRIL DAWN	674.88	MERRY, DENNIS W.	779.25
CONNORS, DAVID E. & LINDA J.	1,853.57	MERRY, DENNIS W.	436.22
CROSBY, ROBERT &	1,750.25	MERRY, TINA L.	589.44
CROSSMAN, ATHENA	2,206.91	MICKALOWSKI, SUSAN	802.40
CURTIS, KENNETH & NANETTE	294.03	MILLETTE, PHILIP J., JR.	1,227.29
CURTIS, LARRY	560.39	MILLIKEN, MICHELLE L. &	500.32
ELWELL, GARY	597.66	MOULTON, RONALD I., JR.	413.07
ESTES, DAVID E. &	2,558.36	MOULTON, STEPHEN K., JR.	609.84
FRENCH, DANIEL C.	537.24	NICKERSON, FRANCIS J.	855.81
GOGUEN, MICHAEL	361.52	NICKERSON, RUTH ANN	1,388.72
GOLDBERG, NATHAN	2,736.18	NICKERSON, SARAH	1,000.61
GRANT, KENNETH H. & JANET A.	478.11	O'BRIEN, DENNIS C.	235.25
GRANT, KENNETH H. & JANET A.	1,153.84	OLSON, JANE	1,561.05
GRANT, KIRK & KRISTIE	97.03	PEASLEY, BRANDY M. &	1,983.84
GROVE, HAROLD BRIAN	987.39	PIKE, FREDERICK E.	46.30
GROVE, HAROLD BRIAN	295.02	PLANTATION III	836.07
GROVE, HAROLD BRIAN	1,460.89	PLANTATION III	796.08
HARRIMAN, SANDRA K.	1,106.49	PLANTATION III	246.82
HARVEY, JAMES & ELIZABETH	520.40	POMEROY, LINDA	1,464.04
HECHT, KATHERINE C.	936.03	POMEROY, LINDA	175.51
HERSOM, HEATHER	525.46	POMEROY, SHERYL	1,853.16
HIGGINS, DONNA L. & SHANON L. &	1,258.86	RESH, DONALD H., JR.	683.50
HIGGINS, DONNA L. & SHANON L. &	583.33	RICHMOND, ALAN L.	1,796.57
HUSTUS, DALE, JR.	790.62	RIPLEY, TERRY & LISA	1,034.74
HUSTUS, PAUL	554.09	ROBBINS & POMEROY LAND	126.20
HUTCHINS, FREDERICK D.& RHONDA	759.26	DEVELOPMENT, INC.	
KADO, INC.	3,095.84	ROBBINS, CINDY VIRGINIA	754.84
KENISTON, JESSE	809.12	ROBBINS, SHANNON LYNN	433.92
KENNEY, ALAN K.	1,799.70	ROBERTS, GARY & MARY	994.75

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ROBERTSON, ROGER & KAREN	677.18
RUSSELL, GILMAN R.	1,349.55
RUSSELL, GILMAN R.	234.20
RYAN, KENNETH W., JR.	446.37
* SAIDAK, MICHELLE	384.59
SAWYER, IRENE	239.46
SEAMANS, LUANN ET AL	2,063.32
SEAVEY, JOHN L.	435.17
SEEKINS, EDITH	889.73
SEEKINS, EDITH	718.22
SEEKINS, VICKI	236.30
SMITH, GLORIA M.	382.56
SMITH, RICHARD & IRENE	1,063.15
STONE, DONALD	4,205.09
TAGUE, JANIS C.	201.11
TALGO, GREG	456.22
TAYLOR, LESLIE M.	6,591.33
THOMPSON, MARCIA & RETHEL M.,	1,750.25
TRISCH, GENE A. & HARRIET J.	522.51
VAN DYKE, ROBERT & KATHREEN	101.62
VAUGHAN, WILLIAM	33.74
VILES, LAURIE A.	635.09
WARREN, DAVID W.	1,107.34
WARREN, DAVID W.	152.12
WARREN, GLORIA	214.89
WEAVER, RICKY A. &	105.66
WELLS, HOWARD G., III & MELISSA	1,468.46
WENZ, WILLIAM & JENNIFER	1,403.01
WEST, ELIZABETH(HEIRS)	1,223.29
YOUNG, ROBERT (HEIRS)	1,320.09
TOTAL	111,028.50

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**2013 UNCOLLECTED
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

AUSTIN, GREG & ANGELA	77.40
BANKS, WILLIAM & RAYLENE	34.40
BOUCHARD, VICTOR	202.10
CARKNER, SELMA	15.05
DR. MICHAEL A. HOUSMAN	313.90
GRAY, LISA & WILLIAM	120.40
HERETAKIS, JOHN	155.88
HMC HOSPITALITY, LLC	331.10
* IMERYS CLAYS, INC.	17,636.45
LLOYD, MICHAEL	66.65
LOWE, ROBERT & DORIS	17.20
MARKWARDT, MARCIA L.	70.95
MERRITHEW, ANTHONY R.	219.30
MERRITHEW, JOHN	25.80
MUZAK	10.75
PERRY, JOSEPH & MARYBETH,	32.25
MCGINLEY	
SEEKINS, ROBERT	68.80
SMITH, MERRILL	141.90
SOMMER, TIMOTHY	68.80
WALDO COUNTY CRAFT CO-OP	25.80
WILCZAK, JUDITH A.	32.25
TOTAL	19,667.03

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PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

AUSTIN, GREG & ANGELA	85.85
CARKNER, SELMA	14.14
DR. MICHAEL A. HOUSMAN	294.92
KULLA, PATRICIA & FRANK	137.36
LEAF FINANCIAL CORP.	148.47
LOWE, ROBERT & DORIS	16.16
MERRITHEW, JOHN	24.24
SEEKINS, ROBERT	64.64
SOMMER, TIMOTHY	64.64
UPHAM, EDWARD & JUDIE	139.38
WALDO COUNTY CRAFT CO-OP	24.24
WILCZAK, JUDITH A.	30.30
TOTAL	1,044.34

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2013 Motor Vehicle Transactions

Agriculture	16
Antique Vehicles	32
Animal Welfare	26
Black Bear Plates	34
Breast Cancer	30
Combination Plates	2
Commercial Vehicles	174
Conservation Commercial	1
Conservation Plates	59
Disabled Veteran Plates	3
Farm	0
Firefighter Plates	11
Handicapped Plates	19
Lobster Plates	39
Moped	2
Motor Homes (Recreational Vehicles)	10
Motorcycles	115
Municipal	4
Passenger Plates (Chickadee)	1667
Special Equipment	2
Support Wildlife	28
Tractor/Special Mobile Equipment	2
Trailers	256
Troop Support	6
University of Maine Plates	9
Veteran Plates	58
Registration fees	\$104,073.50
Sales Tax	\$106,205.56
Title Fees	8,349.00
Excise Tax	\$362,334.59
Agent Fees	\$9,878.00
Total	\$590,840.65

2013 Dog Licenses

Males/Females (Capable of Reproducing)	68
Spayed/Neutered	320
State Fees Collected	\$1640.00

2013 Hunting/Fishing Licenses:**Resident**

Apprentice	2
Archery	1
Bear	2
Complimentary	0
Coyote Night Hunt	2
Expanded Archery, Antlered & Antlerless	1
Hunt/Fish or Combo	48
Junior	7
Migratory Waterfowl	8
Muzzleloading	10
Saltwater Registry	80
Spring Turkey	8
3 Day Fishing	6
Crossbow	2
Small Game	1
1 Day	1
Fish	89
Hunt	43
Serviceman Resident Hunt/Fish	1
Superpack	1

2012 Hunting/Fishing Licenses:**Non Resident**

Season Fishing	2
7 Day Fishing	1
15 Day	0
Big Game Hunt	0
Total:	316

Registered Voters:

Republican	690
Democrat	544
Unenrolled	871
Green/Independent	91
Total	2196

Shellfish Licenses:

There were 100 Shellfish Licenses allowed last year, beginning June 1st.

They are a first come, first serve basis. Included in this total were

15 non-resident licenses.

There are an unlimited amount of 72 Hour

Licenses. Fees are as follows:

Resident (over 10 & under 65)	\$20.00
Non Resident (any age)	\$30.00
72 Hour (any age)	\$15.00

MARRIAGES

Feb	9	Jonathan L. Gillway to Elizabeth A Thomas
	14	David N. Berg to Michael G. Turgeon
March	1	Rebbeca N. Evans to Melinda K. Johnson
May	18	Sean Isaac Skaggs to Kaylah M. Jones
	21	Robert S. Whited to Lydia R. Caron
	25	Steven G. Stone to Katherine M. Cook
June	1	Adam P. Augustyn to Beth A. Farnham
	16	Karan Kaker to Jessica L. Woods
	22	Leslie T Bowen to Pamela J. Pendleton
	22	George R. Russell to Heather L. Newton
July	2	Michael T. Glennon to Michael D. Cirucci
	4	Travis M Bennett to Athena C Crossman
	11	Ian T Maddocks to April V Nickerson
	13	Spencer S Garton to Lindsay R. Miles
	20	Douglas E Latham to Brenda J Page
Sept	21	Keith H Kneeland to Amy L Levesque
	21	Travis A Ashley To Barbara A. O'Leary



MARRIAGES**(Continued)**

Sept	21	Micah B. Smaldone to Rebecca B Snoonian
	25	William J. Noble to Victoria M. Knudsen
	28	Timothy R. Sommer to Shannon E. Cross
Oct	19	Auriela M. Reed to Kenneth D. Harvey
Nov	16	Ronald B. Merithew to Vicki L. LaPointe
	23	Richard K. Martin to Martha L. Doliber
	26	Rodney M. Whitcomb to Becca L. Brooks
Dec	17	David S. Gordon to Kathleen E. Garrold

BIRTHS 2013 TOTAL BIRTHS 17

DEATHS

Jan	10	Virginia Treat	94
	12	Stanley Dickey	58
	16	Anthony Albano	70
	23	Mildred Harrison	88
Feb	10	Eugene Pomeroy	66
	12	Clair Fraser	67
	28	David Hall	42
March	14	Stella Weiss	80
	17	Denice Goguen	61
April	12	Michael Ellis	55
	15	Leroy Bean	85
	24	Norman Stanley	68
May	26	Edward Bagley	91
June	7	Margaret Vose	91
	8	Paul Badger	46
	20	Palmer Pearson	84
July	21	Helen Dumais	83
August	4	Clark Nichols	98
	7	Victor Philbrick	<1
	11	Irving Blum	91
	26	Carol Tower	57
October	24	Douglas Schinella	79
November	20	Natalie Seekins	84
December	11	Catherine Desimone	87
	13	Jeanette Grant	89
	26	Verna Sweet	83

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

**Board of Selectmen
Town of Searsport
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P.O. Box 499
Searsport, Maine 04974**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Searsport, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Searsport, as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Searsport's basic financial statements. The introductory section, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

January 30, 2014

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING
AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of Selectmen
Town of Searsport
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Searsport, Maine 04974

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Town of Searsport as of and for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, which collectively comprise the Town of Searsport's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 30, 2014. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in "Government Auditing Standards", issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Town of Searsport's internal control over financial reporting of the financial statements audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Searsport's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town of Searsport's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Searsport's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

January 30, 2014

TOWN OF SEARSPORT
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2013

As management of the Town of Searsport, we offer readers of the Town of Searsport's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial statements of the Town of Searsport for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013. We encourage readers to consider the information presented in conjunction with additional information that we have furnished in our letter of transmittal, the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to those financial statements.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The financial statements presented herein include all of the activities of the Town of Searsport (the Town) using the integrated approach as prescribed by General Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34.

The Government-Wide Financial Statements present the financial picture of the Town from the economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. These statements include all assets of the Town, including infrastructure, as well as all liabilities, including long-term debt.

The Fund Financial Statements include statements for the governmental and fiduciary fund types. The governmental fund is the main operating fund of the Town. Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held in trustee or agency capacity for others.

REPORTING THE TOWN AS A WHOLE

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the Town as a whole and about its activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities of the Town using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Town's net position and changes in it. Net position is the difference between assets and liabilities, which is one way to measure the Town's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases and decreases in the Town's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. Other factors to consider are changes to the Town's property tax base and the condition of the Town's infrastructure.

In the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, normally the Town's activities would be separated into Governmental Activities and Business-Type Activities. Governmental activities include the Town's basic services including General Administration, Ambulance, Fire and Police Service, Public Works, and Planning and Development. Property tax, user fees, interest income, and state and federal grants finance these activities. Business-Type Activities include services that are financed by fees to the customer to cover all or most of the service provided. The Town has a Wastewater System.

REPORTING THE TOWN'S MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDS

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds, not the Town as a whole. Management establishes many funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants or other money.

Governmental Funds – All of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year end. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed shorter-term view of the Town's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent on the near future to finance the Town's programs. The differences of results in the Governmental Fund Financial Statements to those in the Government-Wide financial statements are explained in reconciliation statements.

THE TOWN AS A WHOLE (GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS)

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a Town's financial position. In the case of the Town of Searsport, assets exceeded liabilities by \$10,349,555.19 at the close of fiscal year 2013. Exhibit A of the audit report has a detailed breakdown of the numbers listed below.

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities
Current and other assets	\$ 2,742,571.96	\$ 159,862.56
Capital Assets	4,500,355.52	3,888,192.90
Total Assets	<u>\$ 7,242,927.48</u>	<u>\$ 4,048,055.46</u>
Long-Term debt outstanding	\$ 48,610.00	\$ 567,400.70
Other Liabilities	159,213.40	166,203.65
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 207,823.40</u>	<u>\$ 733,604.35</u>
Net Position:		
Net invested in capital assets	\$ 4,451,745.52	\$ 3,320,792.20
Committed	1,345,384.25	
Assigned	115,825.64	
Unassigned	1,122,148.67	(6,341.09)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 7,035,104.08</u>	<u>\$ 3,314,451.11</u>

Governmental Activities

Governmental activities decreased the Town of Searsport's net position by \$57,584.03. Of this amount, \$29,192.79 was due to excess of expenditures and other uses over revenue and other sources. The cost of all Governmental Activities this year was \$5,635,340.10. The Town's programs include General Government, Public Assistance, Public Works, Education, Recreation and Cultural, County Tax Assessment, Public Safety, and Unclassified. The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the Town's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	<u>Net (Expenses)</u>
General Government Activities:	
General Government	\$ (518,796.66)
Public Assistance	(22,150.50)
Public Works	(543,806.43)
Education	(2,742,711.00)
Recreation and Cultural	(98,572.79)
County Tax Assessment	(438,553.21)
Public Safety	(727,468.70)
Unclassified	(117,086.39)
Total General Government Activities	<u>\$(5,209,145.68)</u>
Business-Type Activities:	
Wastewater	(242,877.89)
Total Government and Business-Type Activities	<u>\$(5,452,023.57)</u>

Education accounts for approximately 53.29% of the total expenditures within the governmental funds for the Town of Searsport. County Tax Assessment accounts for approximately 8.52% and General Government accounts for 38.19% of the total budget for 2013. General Government activities generated fund balance of \$29,192.79 due to less taken out of surplus by the taxpayers at town meeting.

Property taxes are the largest revenue source for governmental activities accounting for approximately 79.77% of total revenues. Excise Tax accounted for approximately 6.68% of total revenues.

Changes in Unappropriated Surplus

Another indicator of a Town's financial health is its unappropriated surplus account, which is used to help reduce the amount of property tax revenue that needs to be raised each year and for unanticipated emergencies.

Unappropriated Surplus January 1, 2013	\$ 725,086.02
Increases:	
Operating Account Balances Lapsed	125,637.41
	<u>\$ 850,723.43</u>
Decreases:	
Appropriated at Town Meeting	58,000.00
Increase in Deferred Property Taxes	116,981.70
Unappropriated Surplus December 31, 2013	<u>\$ 675,741.73</u>

The Unappropriated surplus decreased by \$49,344.29 for fiscal year 2013 or 6.81%. The decrease was due to a loss of State Revenue Sharing and a slowing economy over the previous year and excess revenue and unexpended appropriations that were lapsed into Fund Balance. At regular and one special town meeting taxpayers approved \$58,000.00 from the prior year surplus to reduce taxes and transfer funds to the ambulance reserve. This decreased surplus the most in the current year. The ability to see any excess revenue and unexpended appropriations are signs of fiscal budgeting restraint on behalf of the Board of Selectmen and good financial management by the town manager and department heads.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Debt, considered a liability of governmental activities, did increase for the fiscal year 2013.

The Governmental Activity Debt Summary for fiscal year 2013 is presented below:

Debt Payable prior to December 31, 2013	\$ 22,616.76
Less Debt Retired	22,616.76
Plus Debt Acquired	48,610.00
Remaining Debt for 2013	<u>\$ 48,610.00</u>

CAPITAL ASSETS

The capital assets of the Town are those assets that are used in the performance of the Town's functions, including infrastructure assets. At December 31, 2013, net invested capital assets of the government activities totaled \$4,451,745.52. GASB No. 34 requires the Town to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets effective with the beginning of the year January 1, 2012. Infrastructure assets include roads and road related items.

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$2,000.00 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Depreciation on capital assets is recognized in the Government-Wide Financial Statements.

In the current year the Town paved the Wharf, Old Route One, Porter Street, Cobb Road, Prospect Road, and Old County Road. They also purchased a Jaws of Life cutter for the Fire Department, two new cruiser laptops, a new cruiser for the Police Department, a container for the Transfer Station, a new ramp for the Wharf, an ambulance for Public Safety, and a snow blower and pick-up truck for the Public Works Department. We disposed of an ambulance.

The breakdown of the Town of Searsport's Capital Assets is illustrated in Note N of the Notes to the Financial Statements.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

General Fund Budget Variances

Overall there were no significant deviations from the approved budget through good financial management throughout the fiscal year.

The tax commitment did show only slight increases in valuation in the community and the tax rate was set by the Assessor at \$21.50 per \$1,000.00 of valuation (valuation is not quite at 100% according to the State), which is unchanged from the previous year.

The Budget

The budget for fiscal year 2014 has been put together for Town Meeting to be held in March, 2014. Not being passed yet there is nothing definitive to report.

As of December 31, 2013 the Town is in solid financial shape due to years of increased revenues and sound financial management by department heads and management.

THE FUTURE

In terms of fiscal responsibility and the needs of our citizens the Town is working toward more efficient delivery of the services required of our residents. The Town is continuing to work toward regionalizing efforts in order to reduce costs and maximize service, we are also looking toward economic development of our Route 1 corridor and some form of development both recreational and transportation on Sears Island to offset the tax loss when it was sold to the State of Maine in 1997. Again this year, we have reduced the operating budget for the Town. The Board of Selectmen is keeping a close eye to Augusta and the Legislature. We are watching and giving input on all bills that have a monetary impact on municipalities. We are also giving input on the State's policy of revenue sharing raids. We are well aware that this practice simply shifts taxes from the state's heavily income tax based system to the municipalities' property tax based system. We have not paid enough attention to this system in the past and it has cost us.

Currently the Town is exploring withdrawal from Regional School Unit #20. We are in the initial stage of this process and there are currently no known costs for withdrawing from the RSU.

CONTACTING THE TOWN'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to give our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, creditors and other interested parties a general overview of the Town's financial status and accountability of revenues and expenditures. If you have any questions about this report please contact the Treasurer at 1 Union Street, P.O. Box 499, Searsport, ME 04974, 207-548-6372, or email searsportmanager@roadrunner.com.

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The accounting policies of the Town of Searsport conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

1. Financial Reporting Entity

The Town of Searsport was incorporated in 1845. The Town operates under a town meeting form of government.

In evaluating the Town of Searsport as a reporting entity, management has addressed all potential component units. The primary criteria for including a component reporting entity are the exercise of financial accountability by the Town of Searsport's municipal officials.

The Town's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP are used by the Town as discussed below.

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) unanimously approved Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. The Statements include the following:

1.) The financial statements now include:

- A Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Town's overall financial position and results of operations.
- Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Town's activities, including infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.).

2.) A change in the fund financial statements to focus on the major funds.

2. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

The Town's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Town as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Town's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as governmental. The Town's fire protection, recreation, public works, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities.

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

2. Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements (Cont'd)

In the government-wide Statements of Net Position, the governmental column is presented on a consolidated basis by column, and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The Town's net position is reported in four parts - net invested in capital assets; committed for capital projects; assigned for subsequent year's expenditures; and unassigned. The Town first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide Statements of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the Town's functions and business-type activities (fire, public works, administrative, etc.). The functions are also supported by general government revenues (property, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits, and charges, etc.). The Statements of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, and operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function (fire, public works, etc.). Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The net costs (by function or business-type activity) are normally covered by general revenue (property, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.).

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Town as an entity and the change in the Town's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

3. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Town are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the Town:

a. Governmental Funds:

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the Town:

1. General Fund:

General Fund is the general operating fund of the town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Capital Reserves:

Capital Reserve Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for specific projects as determined by the town's manager.

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

3. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements (Cont'd)

a. Governmental Funds (cont'd):

3. Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary Funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or agency capacity for others and therefore are not available to support town programs. The reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and is reported using accounting principles similar to proprietary funds.

The emphasis in fund financial statements is on the major funds in either the governmental or business-type activities categories. Nonmajor funds by category are summarized into a single column. GASB No. 34 sets forth minimum criteria (percentage of the assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of either fund category) for the determination of major funds.

The Town's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

4. Proprietary Fund:

The Proprietary Fund is the fund used to account for all financial resources relating to the Wastewater Department. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector.

4. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied:

a. Accrual:

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements and fiduciary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

b. Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e. both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

5. Financial Statement Amounts

a. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The Town has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits, and cash with fiscal agents. Statutes authorize the Treasurer of the Town, as directed by the municipal officers, to invest all municipal funds, including reserve and trust funds, to the extent that the terms of the instrument, order, or article creating the fund do not prohibit the investment, in financial institutions as described in Section 5706 MRSA and securities as described in Sections 5711 through 5717 MRSA.

b. Investments:

Investments, including deferred compensation and pension funds, are stated at fair value (quoted market price or the best available estimate).

c. Capital Assets:

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$2,000.00 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings	20-50 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5-10 Years
Improvements	10-20 Years
Infrastructure	10-50 Years

d. Revenues:

Substantially, all governmental fund revenues are accrued. Property taxes are billed and collected within the same period in which the taxes are levied. In applying GASB No. 33 to grant revenues the provider recognizes liabilities and expenses and the recipient recognizes receivables and revenue when the applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Resources transmitted before the eligibility requirements are met are reported as advances by the provider and deferred revenue by the recipient.

e. Expenditures:

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONT'D):

5. Financial Statement Amounts (Cont'd)

f. Compensated Absences:

The Town accrues accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave and associated employee-related costs when earned (or estimated to be earned) by the employee. The noncurrent portion (the amount estimated to be used in subsequent fiscal years) for governmental funds is maintained separately and represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations.

g. Use of Estimates:

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

h. Fund Balance:

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 54, the Town employs terminology and classifications for fund balance items as follows:

Non-spendable fund balances include amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash, or that are legally required to be maintained intact. The fund balance of the Town's Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund is classified as non-spendable.

Restricted fund balances are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes because of legislation or restrictions imposed by donors. The school budget carryforward amount and the fund balances of the Special Revenue Funds are classified as restricted.

Committed fund balances are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes because of a formal action taken by town government. Budget carryforward amounts (other than the school budget) and the fund balances in the Capital Projects Fund and the Cemetery Maintenance Fund are in this category.

Unassigned fund balance are all amounts in the General Fund that are not assigned to another category. Only the General Fund can have an unassigned fund balance.

NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS:

Cash

The Town's cash is categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year end. These Categories are defined as follows:

Category #1 - Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or by its agent in the Town's name.

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NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (CONT'D):

Category #2 - Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category #3 - Uncollateralized (This includes any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.)

ACCOUNT TYPE	CARRYING AMOUNT	BANK BALANCE	CATEGORY		
			#1	#2	#3
Interest Bearing Accounts	\$ 25,697.18	\$ 587,615.71	\$ 206,032.94	\$ 381,582.77	\$
Non-Interest Bearing Accounts	338,071.59	43,967.06	43,967.06		
	<u>\$ 363,768.77</u>	<u>\$ 631,582.77</u>	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 381,582.77</u>	<u>\$</u>

Investments

The Town's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Town at year end. These categories are defined as follows:

Category #1 - Investments that are insured or registered, or securities held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name.

Category #2 - Uninsured and unregistered investments with securities held by the Counterparty's trust department or agent in the Town's name.

Category #3 - Uninsured and unregistered investments with securities held by the Counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Town's name.

INVESTMENT TYPE	CARRYING AMOUNT	FAIR VALUE	CATEGORY		
			#1	#2	#3
Money Market	\$ 396,796.59	\$ 396,796.59	\$ 396,796.59	\$	\$
Treasury Bonds	1,570,822.15	1,570,822.15	1,570,822.15		
	<u>\$ 1,967,618.74</u>	<u>\$ 1,967,618.74</u>	<u>\$ 1,967,618.74</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

NOTE C - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Accounts Receivable consist of the following:

FEMA	\$ 28,500.00
State of Maine - General Assistance	278.02
State of Maine - Homestead Reimbursement	23,209.39
State of Maine - Septic Grant	6,676.82
Ambulance Fees	31,178.36
Miscellaneous	20,637.96
Wastewater Department	84,802.51
	<u>\$ 195,283.06</u>

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
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NOTE D - LONG-TERM DEBT:

The following is a summary of note transactions of the Town for the year ended December 31, 2013:

	<u>BALANCE 1/1/13</u>	<u>ADDITIONS</u>	<u>REDUCTIONS</u>	<u>BALANCE 12/31/13</u>
General Fund:				
Government Capital Corp.	\$ 22,616.76	\$	\$ 22,616.76	\$
United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan	429,706.11		12,019.36	417,686.75
United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan	153,789.88		4,075.93	149,713.95
Wells Fargo Equipment Finance - Ambulance Loan		48,610.00		48,610.00
	<u>\$ 606,112.75</u>	<u>\$ 48,610.00</u>	<u>\$ 38,712.05</u>	<u>\$ 616,010.70</u>

Long-Term Debt as of December 31, 2013 is as follows:

General Fund:

This note is for 5 years with annual payments of \$23,813.64. Interest at a rate of 2.700% is payable annually. This note was paid off this year. \$

United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan

This note is for 30 years with annual payments of \$30,819.00. Interest at a rate of 4.375% is payable annually. 417,686.75

United States Department of Agriculture - Sewer Loan

This note is for 30 years with annual payments of \$10,612.00. Interest at a rate of 4.25% is payable annually. 149,713.95

Wells Fargo Equipment Finance - Ambulance Loan

This note is for five years with annual payment of \$10,752.07. Interest at a rate of 3.454% is payable annually. 48,610.00
\$ 616,010.70

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
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DECEMBER 31, 2013**

NOTE D - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONT'D):

The annual requirements to amortize notes payable as of December 31, 2013 follows:

<u>YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31</u>	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INTEREST</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2014	\$ 25,888.04	\$ 26,295.03	\$ 52,183.07
2015	26,895.05	25,288.02	52,183.07
2016	27,982.38	24,200.69	52,183.07
2017	29,114.05	23,069.02	52,183.07
2018	30,292.48	21,890.59	52,183.07
2019-2023	113,251.00	93,904.00	207,155.00
2024-2028	140,079.00	67,076.00	207,155.00
2029-2033	173,263.00	33,892.00	207,155.00
2034-2038	49,245.70	2,566.00	51,811.70
	<u>\$ 616,010.70</u>	<u>\$ 318,181.35</u>	<u>\$ 934,192.05</u>

NOTE E - SHORT-TERM DEBT:

The Town of Searsport obtained a Tax Anticipation Note on February 28, 2013 for \$1,200,000.00 due in full on December 31, 2013. Interest is at a rate of .92% based on a 30/360-day year. The note was paid off on October 2, 2013.

NOTE F - GENERAL FUND BUDGET:

The Town operates on a net budget as compared with a gross budget. All revenues are not estimated, but are credited to the particular operating account. Certain revenues are dedicated for particular purposes by vote of the townspeople at the annual town meeting or at special town meetings.

At the annual town meeting, held in March of each year, the townspeople vote on various articles on which amounts for appropriations have been recommended by the Board of Selectmen and/or the Budget Committee.

NOTE G - ASSIGNED FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS' EXPENDITURE:

Historically, the townspeople vote to carry certain departmental unexpended balances forward to the following year for expenditure. This is usually in lieu of additional appropriations in any particular account.

Public Works	\$ 12,840.00
Miscellaneous	18,782.42
Special Assessments	<u>64,143.42</u>
	<u>\$ 95,765.84</u>

NOTE H - DEFERRED REVENUE:

Deferred Revenue consists of the following:

Prepaid 2014 Taxes	<u>\$ 5,041.50</u>
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**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

NOTE I - EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS:

During the year expenditures exceeded total revenue and appropriations in the following general fund categories:

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>REVENUE AND APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 57,270.23	\$ 59,000.00	\$ (1,729.77)
Revenue Sharing	\$ 172,517.53	\$ 190,000.00	\$ (17,482.47)
Abatements and Supplemental Taxes	\$ 832.14	\$ 3,796.31	\$ (2,964.17)
Ambulance	\$ 310,805.64	\$ 315,079.37	\$ (4,273.73)
Small Community Septic Grant	\$ 1,296.87	\$ 15,075.00	\$ (13,778.13)

Historically, the Town has not appropriated funds for the abatements, but rather funds the expenditure through other unappropriated revenues or unappropriated surplus. The overdraft in Revenue Sharing, Miscellaneous Revenue, Ambulance, and Small Community Septic Grant was due to revenues not meeting budgeted expectations.

NOTE J - REVENUE RECOGNITION - PROPERTY TAXES:

The Town's property tax for the current year was levied August 13, 2013 on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2012 for all taxable real and personal property located in the Town. Taxes were due on September 3, 2013 with interest at 5.0% per annum or part thereof commencing October 8, 2013. Liens are filed on any real property where taxes remain unpaid between eight and twelve months after the levy date.

The National Council on Governmental Accounting (N.C.G.A.) Interpretation No. 3 requires that property tax revenue be recognized only to the extent it will be collected within 60 days following the year end. The deferred tax revenue shown on the balance sheet represents property taxes not expected to be collected within 60 days after the year end.

Property taxes are recognized when they become available. Available includes those taxes expected to be collected within 60 days after year end as stated above. Delinquent taxes are considered fully collectible and therefore no allowance for uncollectible taxes is provided.

NOTE K - INTEREST COST INCURRED:

During the current year, the Town incurred interest costs totaling \$31,792.92 which was charged as an expense to various operating accounts.

NOTE L - RETIREMENT PLAN:

The Town of Searsport is a participant in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Consolidated Plan for Participating Local Districts. Employees under the Plan are required to contribute 6.5% of their salary to the System. The employer contributions are 6.7% of the covered salaries plus or minus the Initial Un-pooled Un-funded Actuarial Liability (IUUAL). The IUUAL was determined based on June 30, 2012 actuarial data, was amortized over 15 years, and resulted in a monthly credit of \$7,969.00 for the year ended December 31, 2013.

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
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NOTE L - RETIREMENT PLAN (CONT'D):

The benefit provisions and all other requirements are established by state statute. Employees are eligible for normal retirement benefits upon attaining age sixty. Special retirement benefits may be granted after 20-25 years of creditable service. Regular retirement allowance payable for life will be calculated at a fraction of average final compensation multiplied by years of membership and credited service. Special retirement benefits allow for one-half compensation. The System also allows for early, disability, and occupational disability retirement benefits, as well as ordinary death and accidental death benefits and group insurance benefits. Employees, terminating prior to ten years of service, will be refunded in a lump sum all employee contributions plus interest. The following disclosures reflect the assets and liabilities of the consolidated plan, and not those of the participating local district itself.

Based on the most recent annual actuarial valuation, June 30, 2013, the actuarial liabilities of the Consolidated Plan are as follows:

A. FASB ASC Topic N. 960 Basis

1. Present Value of Benefits Accrued and Vested to Date	
a. Members Currently Receiving Payments	\$ 1,323,441,701
b. Vested Terminated and Inactive Members	84,163,330
c. Active Members	828,949,711
d. Total PVAB	<u>\$ 2,236,554,742</u>
2. Assets at Market Value	2,192,579,050
3. Unfunded Present Value of Accrued Benefits, But Not Less Than Zero	<u>\$ 43,975,692</u>
4. Ratio of Assets to Value of Benefits (2)/(1)(d)	98%

B. GASB No. 25 Basis

1. Actuarial Liabilities	
a. Members Currently Receiving Payments	\$ 1,323,441,701
b. Vested Deferred and Inactive Status Members	84,163,330
c. Active Members	1,096,814,604
d. Total	<u>\$ 2,504,419,635</u>
2. Actuarial Value of Assets	2,213,416,717
3. Unfunded Actuarial Liability	<u>\$ 291,002,918</u>
4. Ratio of Actuarial Value of Assets to Actuarial Liability (2)/(1)(d)	88%

The System issues a financial report that includes the financial statements and required supplementary information for the plans. That report may be obtained by writing to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, Two Central Plaza, Augusta, Maine 04333-0046 or by calling 1-800-451-9800.

NOTE M - RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. All significant losses are covered by commercial insurance. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the three prior years.

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

NOTE N - PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT:

The following is a summary of changes in fixed assets at December 31, 2013:

	BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2013	ADDITIONS	DISPOSALS	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2013
Land and Improvements	\$ 943,073.51	\$	\$	\$ 943,073.51
Buildings	5,960,780.22	22,256.80		5,983,037.02
Equipment	860,052.26	41,348.32		901,400.58
Motor Vehicles	1,490,677.51	134,036.84	206,549.00	1,418,165.35
Infrastructure	4,314,133.34	144,151.25		4,458,284.59
Wastewater Treatment	4,722,705.92			4,722,705.92
	<u>\$ 18,291,422.76</u>	<u>\$ 341,793.21</u>	<u>\$ (206,549.00)</u>	<u>\$ 18,426,666.97</u>
Accumulated Depreciation	(9,672,873.92)	(550,960.06)	185,715.43	(10,038,118.55)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>\$ 8,618,548.84</u>	<u>\$ (209,166.85)</u>	<u>\$ (20,833.57)</u>	<u>\$ 8,388,548.42</u>

Depreciation expense for the period totaled \$550,960.06. Of that amount, \$15,880.48 was for Administration, \$237,742.02 was for Public Works, \$97,754.28 was for Public Safety, \$4,322.53 was for the Transfer Facility, \$2,838.88 was for Recreation and Cultural, and \$192,421.87 was for Wastewater.

NOTE O - OVERLAPPING DEBT:

The Town of Searsport is situated in Waldo County and is therefore subject to annual assessment of its proportional share of county expenses. There is no long-term debt outstanding in Waldo County, for which the Town of Searsport would be proportionally responsible in the event the County defaulted.

The Town of Searsport is a participant in Regional School Unit 20 (RSU #20) and is subject to annual assessment of its proportional share of school expenses. Long-term debt outstanding in RSU #20 for which the Town of Searsport would be proportionally responsible in the event the school defaulted is approximately \$13,460,764.00 at June 30, 2013. The Town of Searsport's share would be approximately \$1,775,475.00.

NOTE P - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES:

Due To and Due From Other Funds consist of the following:

Due From General Fund To Trust Funds	\$ 4,615.26
Due From Wastewater to General Fund	164,718.71
	<u>\$169,333.97</u>

NOTE Q - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

Management has reviewed events subsequent to December 31, 2013 and has determined that there are no events through January 30, 2014 requiring disclosure.

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	2013 TOTAL	2012 TOTAL
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Cash (Note B)	\$ 338,071.59	\$ -	\$ 338,071.59	\$ 621,454.74
Accounts Receivable (Note C)	110,480.55	84,802.51	195,283.06	226,891.86
Taxes Receivable	551,749.21		551,749.21	409,541.14
Tax Licns	154,772.32		154,772.32	153,147.92
Tax Acquired Property	2,295.00		2,295.00	2,295.00
Investments	1,400,424.78	75,060.05	1,475,484.83	1,350,182.15
Due From Other Funds	184,778.51		184,778.51	111,208.19
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 2,742,571.96</u>	<u>\$ 159,862.56</u>	<u>\$ 2,902,434.52</u>	<u>\$ 2,874,721.00</u>
PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT (NOTE N):				
Land and Improvements	\$ 888,490.51	\$ 54,583.00	\$ 943,073.51	\$ 943,073.51
Buildings	2,682,023.75	3,301,013.27	5,983,037.02	5,960,780.22
Equipment	752,098.28	149,302.30	901,400.58	860,052.26
Motor Vehicles	1,418,165.35		1,418,165.35	1,490,677.51
Infrastructure	4,458,284.59		4,458,284.59	4,314,133.34
Wastewater Treatment		4,722,705.92	4,722,705.92	4,722,705.92
Total Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>\$ 10,199,062.48</u>	<u>\$ 8,227,604.49</u>	<u>\$ 18,426,666.97</u>	<u>\$ 18,291,422.76</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>5,698,706.96</u>	<u>4,339,411.59</u>	<u>10,038,118.55</u>	<u>9,672,873.92</u>
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>\$ 4,500,355.52</u>	<u>\$ 3,888,192.90</u>	<u>\$ 8,388,548.42</u>	<u>\$ 8,618,548.84</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 7,242,927.48</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,048,055.46</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,290,982.94</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,493,269.84</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION				
CURRENT LIABILITIES:				
Bonds Payable (Note D)	\$ -	\$ 16,790.00	\$ 16,790.00	\$ 38,706.76
Note Payable (Note D)	9,098.04		9,098.04	
Accounts Payable - Trade	11,674.16		11,674.16	14,734.91
Due To Other Funds	19,675.06	164,718.71	184,393.77	113,396.37
Accrued Interest		1,484.94	1,484.94	2,707.10
Accrued Wages	122,462.68		122,462.68	104,449.24
Deferred Tax Revenue (Note H)	5,401.50		5,401.50	2,430.89
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 168,311.44</u>	<u>\$ 182,993.65</u>	<u>\$ 351,305.09</u>	<u>\$ 276,425.27</u>
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:				
Bonds Payable - Net of Current Portion (Note D)	\$ -	\$ 550,610.70	\$ 550,610.70	\$ 567,405.99
Note Payable - Net of Current Portion (Note D)	39,511.96		39,511.96	
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 39,511.96</u>	<u>\$ 550,610.70</u>	<u>\$ 590,122.66</u>	<u>\$ 567,405.99</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 207,823.40</u>	<u>\$ 733,604.35</u>	<u>\$ 941,427.75</u>	<u>\$ 843,831.26</u>
NET POSITION:				
Net Invested in Capital Assets	\$ 4,451,745.52	\$ 3,320,792.20	\$ 7,772,537.72	\$ 8,012,436.09
Committed for Capital Projects	1,345,384.25		1,345,384.25	1,385,874.94
Assigned for Subsequent Years' Expenditures	115,825.64		115,825.64	132,335.37
Unassigned	1,122,148.67	(6,341.09)	1,115,807.58	1,118,792.18
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 7,035,104.08</u>	<u>\$ 3,314,451.11</u>	<u>\$ 10,349,555.19</u>	<u>\$ 10,649,438.58</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u><u>\$ 7,242,927.48</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,048,055.46</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,290,982.94</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,493,269.84</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EXPENSES	PROGRAM REVENUES		NET (EXPENSE) REVENUE AND CHANGE IN NET POSITION			
		CHARGES FOR SERVICES	OPERATING GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	2013 TOTAL	2012 TOTAL
Primary Government:							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ 629,139.88	\$ 110,343.22	\$ -	\$ (518,796.66)	\$ -	\$ (518,796.66)	\$ (430,963.97)
Public Assistance	22,758.72		608.22	(22,150.50)		(22,150.50)	(3,900.09)
Public Works	666,718.15		122,911.72	(543,806.43)		(543,806.43)	(541,449.86)
Education	2,742,711.00			(2,742,711.00)		(2,742,711.00)	(2,598,658.32)
Recreation and Cultural	109,885.57	11,312.78		(98,572.79)		(98,572.79)	(82,377.30)
County Tax Assessment	438,553.21			(438,553.21)		(438,553.21)	(509,847.25)
Public Safety	864,461.77		136,993.07	(727,468.70)		(727,468.70)	(626,493.51)
Unclassified	209,721.80	92,635.41		(117,086.39)		(117,086.39)	579,994.20
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 5,683,950.10	\$ 214,291.41	\$ 260,513.01	\$ (5,209,145.68)	\$ -	\$ (5,209,145.68)	\$ (4,233,698.10)
Business-Type Activities:							
Wastewater	450,050.74	207,172.85			(242,877.89)	(242,877.89)	(151,915.40)
Total Primary Government	\$ 6,134,000.84	\$ 421,464.26	\$ 260,513.01	\$ (5,209,145.68)	\$ (242,877.89)	\$ (5,452,023.57)	\$ (4,385,613.50)
General Revenues:							
Taxes							
Property Taxes				\$ 4,481,001.22	\$ -	\$ 4,481,001.22	\$ 4,205,057.01
Homestead Reimbursement				80,537.39		80,537.39	71,592.46
Excise Taxes				365,248.67		365,248.67	361,619.61
Intergovernmental				217,974.53		217,974.53	237,891.75
Interest and Investment Earnings				27,633.41	578.53	28,211.94	31,386.42
Loss on Sale of Equipment				(20,833.57)		(20,833.57)	(5,786.17)
Total General Revenues				\$ 5,151,561.65	\$ 578.53	\$ 5,152,140.18	\$ 4,901,761.08
Change in Net Position				\$ (57,584.03)	\$ (242,299.36)	\$ (299,883.39)	\$ 516,147.58
Net Position, January 1				7,092,688.11	3,556,750.47	10,649,438.58	10,133,291.00
Net Position, December 31				\$ 7,035,104.08	\$ 3,314,451.11	\$ 10,349,555.19	\$ 10,649,438.58

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES:		
Unassigned (Schedule A-3)	\$ 675,741.73	\$ 725,086.02
Restricted:		
Committed for Capital Reserve (Schedule A-13)	1,345,384.25	1,351,830.83
Assigned for Subsequent Years Expenditures (Schedule A-4)	95,765.84	17,228.76
Special Revenue (Schedule A-14)	20,059.80	115,106.61
Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 2,136,951.62	\$ 2,209,252.22
 Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statements of Net Position are different because:		
 Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	 4,500,355.52	 4,558,613.97
 Bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		 (22,616.76)
 Notes payable are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	 (48,610.00)	
 Compensated absences are accrued when earned not when paid and are reported in the funds.	 (122,462.68)	 (104,449.24)
 Property taxes not collected within 60 days after year end are deferred as revenue in the fund financial statements. In the government-wide financial statements the revenue is income in the year it is assessed.	 568,869.62	 451,887.92
 Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit A)	 <u>\$ 7,035,104.08</u>	 <u>\$ 7,092,688.11</u>

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**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit F)	\$ (72,300.60)	\$ 807,064.25
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statements of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statements of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeds capital outlays (capital outlays exceeds depreciation).	(37,424.88)	(188,499.18)
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces liabilities in the Statements of Net Position.	22,616.76	21,480.03
The change in accrual for compensated absences is not recorded in the governmental fund statements. (Exhibit A)	(18,013.44)	(10,115.58)
Sale of assets is reported at gross in the governmental funds, however, in the Statements of Activities the cost is shown net of accumulated depreciation. (Note N)	(20,833.57)	(11,527.17)
Loan proceeds are recorded as revenue in the governmental funds, but the proceeds increase liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	(48,610.00)	
Property taxes are deferred in the fund financial statements, but in the government-wide financial statements they are recorded as income in the year they are assessed.	116,981.70	48,198.20
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (57,584.03)</u>	<u>\$ 666,600.55</u>

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Exhibit E

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
BALANCE SHEETS - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			2013 TOTAL	2012 TOTAL
	GENERAL	CAPITAL RESERVES	SPECIAL REVENUE		
ASSETS:					
Cash	\$ 338,071.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 338,071.59	\$ 621,454.74
Investments		1,400,424.78		1,400,424.78	1,275,700.63
Taxes Receivable	551,749.21			551,749.21	409,541.14
Tax Liens	154,772.32			154,772.32	153,147.92
Tax Acquired Property	2,295.00			2,295.00	2,295.00
Accounts Receivable	110,480.55			110,480.55	107,146.50
Due From Other Funds	219,759.24		20,059.80	239,819.04	302,445.00
Total Assets	\$ 1,377,127.91	\$ 1,400,424.78	\$ 20,059.80	\$ 2,797,612.49	\$ 2,871,730.93
LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND FUND BALANCE:					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ 11,674.16	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,674.16	\$ 14,734.91
Due To Other Funds	19,675.06	55,040.53		74,715.59	193,424.99
Total Liabilities	\$ 31,349.22	\$ 55,040.53	\$ -	\$ 86,389.75	\$ 208,159.90
Reserves:					
Deferred Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,430.89
Deferred Tax Revenue	574,271.12			574,271.12	451,887.92
Total Reserves	\$ 574,271.12	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 574,271.12	\$ 454,318.81
Fund Balance:					
Committed for Capital Reserve	\$ -	\$ 1,345,384.25	\$ -	\$ 1,345,384.25	\$ 1,351,830.83
Assigned for Subsequent Years' Expenditure	957,658.4		20,059.80	115,825.64	132,335.37
Unassigned	675,741.73			675,741.73	725,086.02
Total Fund Balance	\$ 771,507.57	\$ 1,345,384.25	\$ 20,059.80	\$ 2,136,951.62	\$ 2,209,252.22
Total Liabilities, Reserves, and Fund Balance	\$ 1,377,127.91	\$ 1,400,424.78	\$ 20,059.80	\$ 2,797,612.49	\$ 2,871,730.93

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**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES			2013	2012
	GENERAL	CAPITAL RESERVES	SPECIAL REVENUE	TOTAL	TOTAL
REVENUES:					
Property Taxes	\$ 4,364,019.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,364,019.52	\$ 4,156,858.81
Excise Taxes	365,248.67			365,248.67	361,619.61
Intergovernmental Revenues	298,511.92			298,511.92	309,484.21
Recreation	3,229.88		8,082.90	11,312.78	11,480.00
General Government	80,029.13		30,314.09	110,343.22	166,230.74
Public Assistance	608.22			608.22	2,370.29
Public Works	116,234.90		6,676.82	122,911.72	62,252.58
Public Safety	135,253.97	1,739.10		136,993.07	235,683.43
Miscellaneous	86,377.22	475.00	5,783.19	92,635.41	814,111.09
Interest	21,257.46	6,375.95		27,633.41	29,923.99
Total Revenues	\$ 5,470,770.89	\$ 8,590.05	\$ 50,857.00	\$ 5,530,217.94	\$ 6,150,014.75
EXPENDITURES:					
Education	\$ 2,742,711.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,742,711.00	\$ 2,598,658.32
General Government	558,076.61		47,959.76	606,036.37	614,624.94
Public Assistance	16,297.32	6,461.40		22,758.72	6,270.38
Public Works	360,615.39	219,155.44	11,503.08	591,273.91	503,453.59
Public Safety	786,649.88	75,666.04	71,599.36	933,915.28	789,312.56
Recreation and Cultural	103,534.95		8,870.14	112,405.09	90,844.27
Special Assessments	438,553.21			438,553.21	509,847.25
Miscellaneous	183,509.16	8,735.00	5,971.47	198,215.63	183,080.04
Debt Service	5,259.33			5,259.33	4,859.15
Animal Disposition Contract					40,000.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,195,206.85	\$ 310,017.88	\$ 145,903.81	\$ 5,651,128.54	\$ 5,342,950.50
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	\$ 275,564.04	\$ (301,427.83)	\$ (95,046.81)	\$ (120,910.60)	\$ 807,064.25
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Operating Transfers - In	\$ -	\$ 294,981.25	\$ -	\$ 294,981.25	\$ 289,224.50
Operating Transfers - Out	(294,981.25)			(294,981.25)	(289,224.50)
Lease Proceeds	48,610.00			48,610.00	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (246,371.25)	\$ 294,981.25	\$ -	\$ 48,610.00	\$ -
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 29,192.79	\$ (6,446.58)	\$ (95,046.81)	\$ (72,300.60)	\$ 807,064.25
Fund Balances, January 1	742,314.78	1,351,830.83	115,106.61	2,209,252.22	1,402,187.97
Fund Balances, December 31	\$ 771,507.57	\$ 1,345,384.25	\$ 20,059.80	\$ 2,136,951.62	\$ 2,209,252.22

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TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT - ENTERPRISE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Residential and Commercial Services	\$ 204,720.39	\$ 268,121.69
Interest on User Fees	2,452.46	2,190.85
Total Operating Revenues	<u>\$ 207,172.85</u>	<u>\$ 270,312.54</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Salaries and Wages	\$ 94,807.23	\$ 90,063.48
Employee Benefits	40,791.33	37,921.67
Depreciation	192,421.87	178,963.47
Insurance	4,002.25	7,499.35
Office Expenses	1,317.01	1,092.35
Operating Supplies	19,021.03	23,915.42
Payroll Taxes	6,678.19	6,358.26
Professional Services	12,183.36	9,188.15
Repairs and Maintenance	24,062.74	12,064.59
Sludge	5,046.27	6,067.82
Utilities	25,605.91	23,159.28
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 425,937.19</u>	<u>\$ 396,293.84</u>
Net Operating Loss	<u>\$ (218,764.34)</u>	<u>\$ (125,981.30)</u>
OTHER REVENUE (EXPENSE):		
Investment Income	\$ 578.53	\$ 1,462.43
Interest Expense	(24,113.55)	(25,934.10)
Total Other Revenue (Expense)	<u>\$ (23,535.02)</u>	<u>\$ (24,471.67)</u>
Net Loss	<u>\$ (242,299.36)</u>	<u>\$ (150,452.97)</u>
Add: Depreciation on Assets Acquired with Contributions in Aid of Construction	 160,570.12	 160,570.12
Change in Net Position	<u>\$ (81,729.24)</u>	<u>\$ 10,117.15</u>
Net Position, January 1	<u>363,752.63</u>	<u>353,635.48</u>
Net Position, December 31	<u>\$ 282,023.39</u>	<u>\$ 363,752.63</u>

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**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS
AGENCY FUNDS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

	WORTHY POOR FUNDS	CEMETERY FUNDS	FIRE DEPARTMENT	CARVER LIBRARY	2013 TOTAL	2012 TOTAL
ASSETS						
ASSETS:						
Cash (Note B)	\$ -	\$ 25,697.18	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,697.18	\$ 25,683.68
Investments	316,090.69	418,787.35	13,806.81	7,743.54	756,428.39	757,668.03
Due From General Fund	4,048.26	925.00			4,973.26	2,627.99
Total Assets	\$ 320,138.95	\$ 445,409.53	\$ 13,806.81	\$ 7,743.54	\$ 787,098.83	\$ 785,979.70
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
LIABILITIES:						
Due To Other Funds	\$ 358.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 358.00	\$ 439.81
FUND BALANCES						
Restricted for Principal	\$ 132,552.95	\$ 233,483.09	\$ 4,539.53	\$ 7,297.16	\$ 377,872.73	\$ 386,859.57
Unassigned	187,228.00	211,926.44	9,267.28	446.38	408,868.10	398,680.32
Total Fund Balances	\$ 319,780.95	\$ 445,409.53	\$ 13,806.81	\$ 7,743.54	\$ 786,740.83	\$ 785,539.89
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 320,138.95	\$ 445,409.53	\$ 13,806.81	\$ 7,743.54	\$ 787,098.83	\$ 785,979.70

Exhibit J

**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND
BALANCE - FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE - NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

	WORTHY POOR FUNDS	CEMETERY FUNDS	FIRE DEPARTMENT	CARVER LIBRARY	2013 TOTAL	2012 TOTAL
REVENUES:						
Interest	\$ 5,790.86	\$ 7,710.57	\$ 253.47	\$ 142.36	\$ 13,897.26	\$ 17,529.95
Cemetery Lot Sales		925.00			925.00	525.00
Contributions	4,048.26				4,048.26	2,684.79
Capital Gains/Losses	(927.63)	(2,168.14)	(46.73)	(51.47)	(3,193.97)	(1,412.80)
Unrealized Appreciation	(4,737.85)	(6,324.21)	(208.12)	(116.95)	(11,387.13)	(8,770.99)
Total Revenues	\$ 4,173.64	\$ 143.22	\$ (1.38)	\$ (26.06)	\$ 4,289.42	\$ 10,555.95
EXPENSES:						
Fiduciary Fees	\$ 1,140.34	\$ 1,512.31	\$ 49.82	\$ 28.01	\$ 2,730.48	\$ 2,637.40
Worthy Poor	358.00				358.00	56.80
Capital Improvements						964.81
Total Expenses	\$ 1,498.34	\$ 1,512.31	\$ 49.82	\$ 28.01	\$ 3,088.48	\$ 3,659.01
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 2,675.30	\$ (1,369.09)	\$ (51.20)	\$ (54.07)	\$ 1,200.94	\$ 6,896.94
Fund Balance, January 1	317,105.65	446,778.62	13,858.01	7,797.61	785,539.89	778,642.95
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 319,780.95	\$ 445,409.53	\$ 13,806.81	\$ 7,743.54	\$ 786,740.83	\$ 785,539.89

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**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE - NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Interest on Investments	\$ 13,897.26	\$ 17,529.95
Cash Received for Trust Funds	3,209.79	3,838.61
Cash Paid for Investment Services	(2,730.48)	(2,637.40)
Cash Paid for Worthy Poor	(1,021.61)	(2,466.01)
 Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	 <u>\$ 13,354.96</u>	 <u>\$ 16,265.15</u>
 CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Purchase of Investments in Pooled Account	(13,341.46)	(16,236.31)
 Increase in Cash	 <u>\$ 13.50</u>	 <u>\$ 28.84</u>
Cash Balance, January 1	25,683.68	25,654.84
Cash Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 25,697.18</u>	<u>\$ 25,683.68</u>

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**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	<u>ORIGINAL AND FINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
REVENUES:		
Property Taxes	\$ 4,483,965.39	\$ 4,364,019.52
Excise Taxes	338,000.00	365,248.67
Intergovernmental Revenues	315,946.48	298,511.92
Recreation	6,000.00	3,229.88
General Government	64,950.00	80,029.13
Public Assistance	5,000.00	608.22
Public Works	63,000.00	116,234.90
Public Safety	147,200.00	135,253.97
Miscellaneous	80,000.00	86,377.22
Interest		21,257.46
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 5,504,061.87</u>	<u>\$ 5,470,770.89</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
Education	\$ 2,747,460.67	\$ 2,742,711.00
General Government	563,968.00	558,076.61
Public Assistance	25,969.00	16,297.32
Public Works	339,968.00	360,615.39
Public Safety	755,825.00	738,039.88
Recreation	107,790.00	103,534.95
Special Assessments	497,946.96	438,553.21
Miscellaneous	196,535.00	183,509.16
Debt Service	12,000.00	5,259.33
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 5,247,462.63</u>	<u>\$ 5,146,596.85</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ 256,599.24</u>	<u>\$ 324,174.04</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):		
Operating Transfers - Out	(294,981.25)	(294,981.25)
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under)	<u>\$ (38,382.01)</u>	<u>\$ 29,192.79</u>
Expenditures and Other Uses		
Fund Balance, January 1	742,314.78	742,314.78
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 703,932.77</u>	<u>\$ 771,507.57</u>

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

Cash Balance, January 1, 2013		\$ 621,454.74
ADD: CASH RECEIPTS:		
Property Tax Collections:		
Current Year	\$ 3,941,137.32	
Prior Years	394,020.24	
Prepayments	<u>5,401.50</u>	
Total Property Tax Collections		\$ 4,340,559.06
Excise Taxes		292,408.67
Departmental (Schedule A-4)		425,491.40
Temporary Loans		1,200,000.00
State Revenue Sharing		172,517.53
State Highway Funds		72,840.00
Homestead Reimbursement		75,255.00
Accounts Receivable		65,274.25
State Fees		5,768.40
Payroll Withholdings		188.11
Special Revenue Funds		36,016.09
Trust Fund Receipts		4,973.26
Trust Fund Transfers		1,021.61
Contributions/Grants Capital Reserves		2,214.10
Transfer from Capital Reserves		215,532.00
Wastewater Revenue		<u>242,115.70</u>
Total Cash Receipts		<u>7,152,175.18</u>
Total Cash Available		\$ 7,773,629.92
LESS: CASH DISBURSEMENTS:		
Departmental (Schedule A-4)	\$ 5,127,256.14	
Repayment of Temporary Loans	1,200,000.00	
Accounts Payable	10,017.06	
State Fees	4,317.85	
Payroll Withholdings	400.00	
Special Revenue Funds Expenses	150,146.57	
Transfer to Capital Reserves	333,880.20	
Capital Reserve Expenses	310,017.88	
Trust Account Expenses	358.00	
Transfer to Trust Funds	3,209.79	
Wastewater Expense	295,626.22	
Accounts Receivable	<u>328.62</u>	
Total Cash Disbursements		<u>7,435,558.33</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2013		<u>\$ 338,071.59</u>

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

Unappropriated Surplus, January 1, 2013		\$ 725,086.02
INCREASE:		
Operating Account Balances Lapsed - Net (Schedule A-4)		125,637.41
Total Available		<u>\$ 850,723.43</u>
DECREASE:		
Appropriated at Annual and Special Town Meetings	\$ 50,000.00	
Appropriated at Special Town Meetings	8,000.00	
Increase in Deferred Property Taxes	<u>116,981.70</u>	
		<u>174,981.70</u>
Unappropriated Surplus, December 31, 2013		<u><u>\$ 675,741.73</u></u>

TOWN OF SEASPORT
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

	BALANCE FORWARD 11/1/13	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNDEPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/13
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS									
Education	\$ -	\$ 2,747,460.67	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,747,460.67	\$ 2,742,711.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,749.67
County Tax		438,553.21			438,553.21	438,553.21			
Overlay		19,617.99			19,617.99			19,617.99	
TIF Financing		91,275.00			91,275.00		31,981.25		59,293.75
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,277,006.87</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,277,006.87</u>	<u>\$ 3,181,264.21</u>	<u>\$ 31,981.25</u>	<u>\$ 19,617.99</u>	<u>\$ 64,143.42</u>
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
Selection	\$ -	\$ 8,079.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,079.00	\$ 5,793.54	\$ -	\$ 2,285.46	\$ -
Manager		68,672.00			68,672.00	68,672.00			
Administration		195,752.00		6.80	205,390.15	201,763.65	1,482.02	2,144.48	
Cable Enhancement		22,841.00			22,841.00	20,377.92		2,463.08	
Physical Plant		65,966.00		2,186.72	68,152.72	68,152.72			
Insurance/Legal		110,643.00	5,894.25		116,537.25	104,682.02		11,855.23	
Shellfish		2,250.00	3,472.00		5,722.00	1,450.82	2,500.00	2,021.18	
Animal Control		5,600.00	1,634.00		7,234.00	4,757.54	2,000.00	476.46	
Town Office		16,300.00			16,300.00	16,300.00		98.39	
Assessor		63,975.00			63,975.00	57,200.12	59,000.00	6,274.88	
Miscellaneous			57,270.23		57,270.23	5,582.36		(7,312.13)	
Homestead									
State Revenue Sharing		3,400.00			3,400.00		80,537.39	(17,482.47)	
Planning Board		400.00			400.00		190,000.00	175.49	
Appeals Board						3,343.01	1,700.00	400.00	
Admittance and Supplemental Taxes				832.14	832.14	419.70	3,376.61	(2,964.17)	
Interest			21,257.46		21,257.46		21,257.46		
BETE			45,437.00		45,437.00		45,409.09	47.91	
Comprehensive Plan		100.00			100.00			100.00	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 563,968.00</u>	<u>\$ 146,743.59</u>	<u>\$ 254,080.58</u>	<u>\$ 964,792.17</u>	<u>\$ 539,207.81</u>	<u>\$ 385,735.11</u>	<u>\$ 21,829.25</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY									
Police	\$ -	\$ 249,483.00	\$ 6,830.83	\$ -	\$ 256,313.83	\$ 253,720.99	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,092.84	\$ -
Public Safety Building		21,690.00		889.84	22,579.84	24,579.84			
Fire Department		76,718.00			76,718.00	69,610.57	1,018.16	7,691.33	
Street Lights		22,500.00	1,602.06	444.22	24,546.28	22,944.22			
Hydram Rural		197,785.00		3.00	197,788.00	197,788.00			
Emergency Management		6,954.00		3,000.00	9,954.00	8,625.35	3,000.00	328.65	
Ambulance		182,695.00	92,642.72	35,467.92	310,805.64	171,410.39	142,648.98	(4,273.21)	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 755,825.00</u>	<u>\$ 101,075.61</u>	<u>\$ 39,804.98</u>	<u>\$ 896,705.59</u>	<u>\$ 742,679.36</u>	<u>\$ 148,187.14</u>	<u>\$ 5,819.09</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
PUBLIC WORKS									
Highways and Streets	\$ -	\$ 320,218.00	\$ 12,138.06	\$ 218,500.00	\$ 560,856.06	\$ 344,605.06	\$ 904.88	\$ 15,346.12	\$ -
Harbor Master		15,750.00	2,756.84		18,506.84	12,032.22	3,010.26	3,464.56	
State Highway Funds				72,840.00	72,840.00		60,000.00		12,840.00
Road Book		4,000.00			4,000.00	3,062.97		937.03	
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 339,968.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,894.90</u>	<u>\$ 101,340.00</u>	<u>\$ 456,202.90</u>	<u>\$ 359,700.25</u>	<u>\$ 63,915.14</u>	<u>\$ 19,747.51</u>	<u>\$ 12,840.00</u>

**TOWN OF SEASPORT
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

Schedule A-4 (Cont'd)

	BALANCE FORWARD 11/1/13	APPROPRIATIONS	CASH RECEIPTS	OTHER CREDITS	TOTAL	CASH DISBURSED	OTHER CHARGES	UNEXPENDED (OVERDRAFT)	BALANCE FORWARD 12/31/13
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE:									
General Assistance	\$ -	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 330.20	\$ 278.02	\$ 25,608.22	\$ 15,239.67	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,378.55	\$ -
Health Officer	-	969.00	310.20	278.02	969.00	967.65	1.35	-	-
		\$ 25,969.00			\$ 26,577.22	\$ 16,297.32	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,279.90	\$ -
RECREATION AND CULTURAL:									
Recreation	\$ -	\$ 20,650.00	\$ 2,676.08	-	\$ 23,326.08	\$ 16,692.90	\$ 6,348.75	\$ 204.43	\$ -
Library	-	87,140.00	553.80	-	87,693.80	86,268.30	225.00	1,200.50	-
		\$ 107,790.00	\$ 3,229.88		\$ 111,019.88	\$ 102,961.20	\$ 6,573.75	\$ 1,484.93	\$ -
DEBT SERVICE:									
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ -	\$ 12,000.00	-	-	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,239.33	-	\$ 6,760.67	\$ -
MISCELLANEOUS:									
Small Contemporary Sepulch Grant	\$ 1,296.87	-	-	-	\$ 1,296.87	-	\$ 15,073.00	\$ (13,776.13)	\$ -
Cemetery Lot Sales	3,814.38	-	535.00	-	4,349.38	-	-	-	4,349.38
Memorial Park	-	2,000.00	-	255.13	2,255.13	2,255.13	4,200.00	-	-
Holiday Decorations/Events	-	4,200.00	-	-	4,200.00	16,674.47	720.00	8,073.27	14,443.14
Video System	12,117.61	19,000.00	-	-	31,117.61	192,512.22	101,897.06	9,887.80	-
Contingency	-	20,000.00	83,892.22	-	303,892.22	303,892.22	318,000.00	27,198.67	-
Transfer Station	-	106,660.00	-	365,248.67	471,908.67	471,908.67	-	583.00	-
Estates Taxes	-	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	2,000.00	-	-	-
Economic Development	-	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-	-	-	-
Springs	-	21,675.00	-	-	21,675.00	-	-	-	-
Social Service Agencies	-	196,575.00	-	-	196,575.00	-	-	-	-
CAPITAL RESERVES:									
Ambulance	\$ 17,228.76	\$ -	\$ 86,377.22	\$ 363,203.80	\$ 666,810.78	\$ 159,086.66	\$ 441,877.63	\$ 49,098.07	\$ 18,782.47
Public Works	-	20,500.00	-	-	20,500.00	-	20,500.00	-	-
Road Maintenance	-	150,000.00	-	-	150,000.00	-	150,000.00	-	-
Fire Department	-	35,000.00	-	-	35,000.00	-	35,000.00	-	-
Police Cruiser	-	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	-
Wharf Repair	-	10,000.00	-	-	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-	-
Property Restoration	-	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	-
Cemetery Equipment	-	500.00	-	-	500.00	-	500.00	-	-
Building Repair	-	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	-
Computer	-	1,500.00	-	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00	-	-
Sidewalks	-	2,000.00	-	-	2,000.00	-	2,000.00	-	-
Public Safety Building Repair	-	5,000.00	-	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-	-
Library	-	2,500.00	-	-	2,500.00	-	2,500.00	-	-
Transfer Station	-	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00	-	-
	\$ 17,228.76	\$ 3,562,061.87	\$ 332,651.40	\$ 763,007.38	\$ 6,694,949.41	\$ 3,127,256.14	\$ 1,346,290.02	\$ 125,637.41	\$ 95,765.84

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
VALUATION, ASSESSMENT, AND COLLECTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

VALUATION:

Real Estate	\$ 198,351,310.00
Personal Property	16,276,871.00
Less: Homestead and BETE Exemption	<u>6,071,651.00</u>
	<u><u>\$ 208,556,530.00</u></u>

ASSESSMENT:

Valuation x Rate (\$208,556,530.00 x .02150)	\$ 4,483,965.39
Supplemental Taxes	<u>832.14</u>

\$ 4,484,797.53

COLLECTIONS AND CREDITS:

Cash Collections	\$ 3,941,137.32
Abatements	339.25
Prepayments	<u>2,430.89</u>

Total Collections and Credits3,943,907.46**2013 Taxes Receivable - December 31, 2013**\$ 540,890.07**COMPUTATION OF ASSESSMENT**

Tax Commitment	\$ 4,483,965.39
Surplus	58,000.00
Excise Taxes - Auto and Boat	338,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	190,000.00
Homestead Reimbursement	80,537.39
General Assistance	5,000.00
Ambulance Revenue	142,500.00
Transfer Station	80,000.00
Recreation	6,000.00
Administration	40,000.00
BETE	45,409.09
Police Revenue	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	<u>91,150.00</u>

\$ 5,562,061.87

REQUIREMENTS:

Appropriations	\$ 2,356,430.00
Education	2,747,460.67
County Tax	<u>438,553.21</u>

5,542,443.88**Overlay**\$ 19,617.99

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH BALANCE
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

Cash on Hand		\$ 350.00
Bangor Savings Bank:		
General Fund Checking:		
Balance Per Bank Statement	\$ 605,885.59	
Add: Deposits in Transit	39,555.93	
Deduct: Outstanding Checks	<u>307,719.93</u>	
Balance Per Books		337,721.59
Cash Balance, December 31, 2013		<u><u>\$ 338,071.59</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF TAXES RECEIVABLE
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	2013	2012
2013	\$ 540,890.07	\$ -
2012	1,210.99	399,882.20
2011	2,087.42	2,098.21
2010	474.77	474.77
2009	1,461.52	1,461.52
2008	718.20	718.20
2007	510.31	510.31
2006	355.32	355.32
2005	453.15	453.15
2004	431.10	431.10
2003	2,336.27	2,336.27
2002	314.93	314.93
2001	170.54	170.54
2000	144.38	144.38
1999	94.30	94.30
1998	95.94	95.94
	<u><u>\$ 551,749.21</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 409,541.14</u></u>

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
TRUST FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

TRUST FUND INVESTMENTS

TIME DEPOSITS

Bangor Savings - Nichols Trust (Elmwood Cemetery)	\$ 20,791.03
Bangor Savings - Lawrence Trust (Gordon Cemetery)	4,906.15
Bangor Savings Investment Account	756,428.39
Due From General Fund	4,615.26
	<u><u>\$ 786,740.83</u></u>

TRUST FUND EQUITY

	<u>PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>UNEXPENDED INCOME</u>
WORTHY POOR FUNDS:		
Trust Funds:		
C. & I. Adams	\$ 3,057.05	\$ 2,107.26
A. Gilmore	1,046.89	1,409.40
N. Merryman	2,052.72	1,438.72
H. Nichols	(484.58)	565.91
J. Nichols	45,086.42	77,831.48
Heating Fuel Assistance Funds:		
L. Perry	81,539.25	102,873.62
B. & L. Colcord	255.20	1,001.61
CEMETERY FUNDS:		
Perpetual Care:		
Mount Hope Cemetery	14,477.06	1,930.00
Village Cemetery	46,916.60	15,175.61
Bowdich Cemetery	6,198.01	121.03
Elmwood Cemetery	62,944.23	33,868.55
Gordon Cemetery	30,453.10	12,802.43
Evergreen Cemetery	3,257.46	(1,053.39)
Merithew Cemetery	1,667.09	448.55
General Care:		
Evergreen Cemetery	61,908.75	119,993.41
Village Cemetery	1,236.45	11,169.53
Elmwood Cemetery	456.20	1,255.60
D. Nichols	992.04	4,053.77
L. Drew	1,488.04	6,080.68
E. Eaton	1,488.06	6,080.67
FIRE DEPARTMENT	4,539.53	9,267.28
CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY	7,297.16	446.38
	<u><u>\$ 377,872.73</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 408,868.10</u></u>

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

AMBULANCE FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 27,705.14	
Add: Appropriations	20,500.00	
Interest Earned	47.57	
Less: Expenses Paid	<u>(41,390.00)</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		\$ 6,862.71

PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 75,011.01	
Add: Appropriations	20,000.00	
Interest Earned	353.83	
Less: Expenses Paid	<u>(20,732.14)</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		74,632.70

ROAD MAINTENANCE FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 87,141.66	
Add: Appropriations	150,000.00	
Interest Earned	223.00	
Less: Expenses Paid	<u>(173,583.40)</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		63,781.26

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 34,861.29	
Add: Appropriations	35,000.00	
Interest Earned	189.12	
Less: Expenses Paid	<u>(27,814.64)</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		42,235.77

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 10,887.42	
Add: Appropriations	5,000.00	
Interest Earned	70.18	
Miscellaneous Income	1,739.10	
Less: Expenses Paid	<u>(6,461.40)</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		11,235.30

POLICE CRUISER FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 22,566.16	
Add: Appropriations	5,000.00	
Interest Earned	<u>103.45</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		27,669.61

TRANSFER FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 13,111.70	
Add: Appropriation	5,000.00	
Interest Earned	72.50	
Less: Expenses Paid	<u>(8,690.00)</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		9,494.20

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

WHARF FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 30,309.39	
Add: Appropriations	10,000.00	
Interest Earned	154.12	
Less: Expenses Paid	<u>(17,334.00)</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		\$ 23,129.51

SIDEWALK FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 18,799.46	
Add: Appropriation	2,000.00	
Interest Earned	<u>101.41</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		20,900.87

REVALUATION FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 23,020.16	
Add: Appropriation	1,000.00	
Interest Earned	<u>127.95</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		24,148.11

LIBRARY FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 16,654.97	
Add: Appropriation	2,500.00	
Interest Earned	124.01	
Miscellaneous Income	475.00	
Less: Expenses Paid	<u>(45.00)</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		19,708.98

CEMETERY FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 538.22	
Add: Appropriation	500.00	
Interest Earned	17.34	
Less: Expenses Paid	<u>(7,505.90)</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		(6,450.34)

BUILDING FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 15,071.52	
Add: Appropriation	5,000.00	
Interest Earned	82.14	
Less: Expenses Paid	<u>(6,461.40)</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		13,692.26

COMPUTER FUND:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 4,097.46	
Add: Appropriations	1,500.00	
Interest Earned	<u>16.96</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		5,614.42

**TOWN OF SEARSPORT
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
DECEMBER 31, 2013**

TIF RESERVES:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 274,074.02	
Add: Appropriations	31,981.25	
Interest Earned	<u>1,344.83</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		\$ 307,400.10

DRUG FORFEITURE RESERVE ACCOUNT:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 2,618.59	
Add: Interest Earned	<u>39.87</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		2,658.46

RETIREMENT RESERVE:

Fund Balance, January 1, 2013	\$ 695,362.66	
Add: Interest Earned	<u>3,307.67</u>	
Fund Balance, December 31, 2013		698,670.33

\$ 1,345,384.25

Warrant Articles

For the Annual Town Meeting to be held on March 4, and March 8, 2014

To: Richard LaHaye, a Constable of Searsport, in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Searsport, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Searsport Public Safety Building, 3 Union Street, at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday the fourth day of March, AD 2014, the One Hundred and Sixty Seventh Anniversary of the Town of Searsport and the Two Hundred and Thirty Eighth Anniversary of the United States of America, there and then to act upon Articles 1 and 2, AND To notify and warn said voters to meet at the Searsport High School Gym at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, the eighth day of March, AD 2014, there and then to act upon Articles 3 through 39 inclusive.

ARTICLE 1. To choose Moderator to preside at said Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 2. Elect two (2) Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for three (3) year term; (1) Regional School Unit 20 Board Member for a three (3) year term and nine (9) Budget Advisory Committee Members for two (2) year terms.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$1,519,436.55 established for Searsport by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

ARTICLE 4. To see what sum the Town shall vote to raise and appropriate from 2014 taxes and/or appropriate from general revenues; state or federal grants or subsidies; fund balances; and/or excise taxes for the following municipal accounts for fiscal year 2014.

2014 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2013 Appropriated
SELECTMEN				
\$ 6,826	\$ 6,826			\$ 8,029
		Raise and Appropriate \$6,826		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC 15-0-0	
TOWN MANAGER				
\$69,880	\$69,880			\$68,672
		Raise and Appropriate \$69,880		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC: 14-1-0	
ADMINISTRATION				
\$193,153	\$123,153	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$ 195,752
		Raise \$123,153 and Appropriate \$193,153		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC: 15-0-0	

2014 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2013 Appropriated
ASSESSOR				
\$65,270	\$65,270			\$63,975
	Raise and Appropriate \$65,270			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE INTEREST				
\$10,000	\$10,000			\$12,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$10,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
SELECTMEN'S CONTINGENCY				
\$20,000	\$20,000			\$30,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$20,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
INSURANCE/LEGAL				
\$96,181	\$96,181			\$110,683
	Raise and Appropriate \$96,181			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
TOWN OFFICE				
\$15,900	\$15,900			\$16,300
	Raise and Appropriate \$15,900			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
\$250,749	\$249,249	\$1,500		\$249,483
	Raise \$249,249 and Appropriate \$250,749			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
ANIMAL CONTROL				
\$5,600	\$3,600	\$2,000		\$5,600
	Raise \$3,600 and Appropriate \$5,600			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 14-0-1	
SHELLFISH WARDEN				
\$2,250	\$0	\$2,250		\$2,250
	Raise \$0 and Appropriate \$2,250			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT				
\$180,667	\$60,667	\$120,000		\$182,695
	Raise \$60,667 and Appropriate \$180,667			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	

2014 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2013 Appropriated
<i>FIRE DEPARTMENT</i>				
\$74,518	\$74,318	\$200		\$76,718
	Raise \$74,318 and Appropriate \$74,518			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 14-0-1	
<i>PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS</i>				
\$23,890	\$23,890			\$23,690
	Raise and Appropriate \$23,890			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</i>				
\$9,304	\$6,304	\$3000		\$6,954
	Raise \$6,304 and Appropriate \$9,304			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>STREET LIGHTS</i>				
\$22,500	\$22,500			\$22,500
	Raise and Appropriate \$22,500			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>FIRE PROTECTION/HYDRANTS</i>				
\$193,785	\$193,785			\$193,795
	Raise and Appropriate \$193,785			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 14-1-0	
<i>PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</i>				
\$403,300	\$ 143,300	\$260,000		\$320,218
	Raise \$143,300 and Appropriate \$403,300			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>HARBORMASTER</i>				
\$15,750	\$9,750	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$15,750
	Raise \$9,750 and Appropriate \$15,750			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>TRANSFER STATION</i>				
\$102,790	\$22,790	\$80,000		\$106,660
	Raise \$22,790 and Appropriate \$102,790			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>PHYSICAL PLANT</i>				
\$18,100	\$18,100			\$65,966
	Raise and Appropriate \$18,100			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	

2014 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2013 Appropriated
<i>SEPTAGE DISPOSAL</i>				
\$2,000	\$2,000			\$2,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$2,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>GENERAL ASSISTANCE</i>				
\$25,000	\$20,000	\$5,000		\$25,000
	Raise \$20,000 and Appropriate \$25,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 14-0-0	
<i>RECREATION</i>				
\$19,405	\$11,405	\$8,000		\$20,650
	Raise \$11,405 and Appropriate \$19,405			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>CARVER MEMORIAL LIBRARY</i>				
\$87,415	\$87,415			\$87,140
	Raise and Appropriate \$87,415			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>PLANNING BOARD</i>				
\$3,300	\$1,650	\$1,650		\$3,400
	Raise \$1,650 and Appropriate \$3,300			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 13-0-2	
<i>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</i>				
\$600	\$600			\$1,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$600			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER</i>				
\$28,910	\$28,910			\$22,841
	Raise and Appropriate \$28,910			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>BOARD OF APPEALS</i>				
\$100	\$100			\$400
	Raise and Appropriate \$100			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 14-0-1	
<i>COMMUNITY HEALTH OFFICER</i>				
\$969	\$969			\$969
	Raise and Appropriate \$969			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	

2014 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2013 Appropriated
<i>MOSMAN PARK</i>				
\$2,000	\$2,000			\$2,000
		Raise and Appropriate \$2,000		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>HOLIDAY/SPECIAL EVENTS</i>				
\$3,700	\$3,700			\$3,700
		Raise and Appropriate \$3,700		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>HOLIDAY DECORATIONS</i>				
\$300	\$300			\$500
		Raise and Appropriate \$300		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>VIDEO SYSTEM</i>				
\$19,000		\$19,000		\$19,000
		Raise \$0 and Appropriate \$19,000		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC: 14-0-1	
<i>CAPITAL & SPECIAL PROJECTS- ROAD BOOK/G.I.S.</i>				
\$4,000	\$4,000			\$4,000
		Raise and Appropriate \$4,000		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>AMBULANCE RESERVE</i>				
\$10,000	\$ 0	\$10,000		\$12,500
		Raise \$ 0 and Appropriate \$10,000		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC: 14-1-0	
<i>PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT RESERVE</i>				
\$20,000	\$20,000			\$20,000
		Raise and Appropriate \$20,000		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE</i>				
\$150,000	\$45,000	\$60,000	\$45,000	\$150,000
		Raise \$45,000 and Appropriate \$150,000		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT RESERVE</i>				
\$30,000	\$30,000			\$35,000
		Raise and Appropriate \$30,000		
		Selectmen: 5-0-0	BAC: 14-0-1	

2014 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2013 Appropriated
<i>PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING REPAIR</i>				
\$10,000	\$10,000			\$5,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$10,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>POLICE CRUISER RESERVE</i>				
\$2,000	\$2,000			\$5,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$2,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>WHARF REPAIR RESERVE</i>				
\$20,000	\$20,000			\$10,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$20,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>SIDEWALK REPAIR RESERVE</i>				
\$1,000	\$ 1,000			\$2,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$1,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>PROPERTY REVALUATION RESERVE</i>				
\$1,000	\$1,000			\$1,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$1,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>LIBRARY CAPITAL RESERVE</i>				
\$ 2,000	\$2,000			\$ 2,500
	Raise and Appropriate \$ 2,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>CEMETERY EQUIPMENT RESERVE</i>				
\$500	\$500			\$500
	Raise and Appropriate \$500			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>BUILDING REPAIR RESERVE</i>				
\$5,000	\$5,000			\$5,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$5,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	
<i>TOWN HALL COMPUTER RESERVE</i>				
\$1,000	\$1,000			\$1,500
	Raise and Appropriate \$1,000			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	

2014 Appropriate Request	Raised By Taxes	REVENUE	EXCISE TAX	2013 Appropriated
<i>TRANSFER STATION RESERVE</i>				
\$2,500	\$2,500			\$ 5,000
	Raise and Appropriate \$2,500			
	Selectmen: 5-0-0		BAC: 15-0-0	

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Municipal Officers to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the 2014 annual budget during the period from January 1, 2015 to the completion of the 2015 Town Meeting, except those costs associated with the Public Works winter road maintenance program may, if necessary, exceed this amount.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept and pay no interest on prepaid taxes not yet due or assessed.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to determine when the 2014 taxes shall be due and payable.
RECOMMENDED DUE DATE: September 2, 2014

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 5% for the fiscal year 2014. The maximum State rate is 7% and we are recommending the minimum rate allowable at 5%.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on the 2014 taxes remaining unpaid after a certain date. If so, what rate of interest and what due date?

**RECOMMENDED: 5% Annual (.417 Monthly) interest starting
October 8, 2013.**

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend funds from any Town Reserve account for the following purposes: (NOTE: "major" is defined as any cost not included in a corresponding operating budget).

Ambulance Reserve – purchase of a vehicle or major repairs to existing vehicles.

Public Works Equipment Reserve – purchase of vehicles or equipment, or major repairs to existing vehicles or equipment.

Road Maintenance Reserve – costs associated with the rebuilding, resurfacing and major repair of Town Roads and shoulders.

Fire Department Equipment Reserve – purchase of vehicles or equipment, or major repairs to existing vehicles or equipment.

Public Safety Buildings Reserve – major repair/renovation of or upgrade to the Town Public Safety Building and North Fire Station.

Police Cruiser Reserve – purchase of vehicle or major repairs to existing vehicle(s).

Wastewater System Reserve – addition to or repair/replacement of the wastewater system structures, equipment, sewer lines, or anything appurtenant thereto.

Dredging Reserve – dredging of Searsport Harbor or harbor related projects.

Transfer Station Reserve – purchase or repair of disposal related vehicles, equipment, or structures; costs associated with any reconfiguration of the Transfer Station site, or relocation to a different site if required; and any other costs associated with bringing the site into compliance with Town/State/Federal regulations.

Wharf Repair Reserve – major repairs/replacement of the Town Wharf, floats, or portions thereof.

Sidewalk Repair Reserve – major rebuilding/extension or resurfacing of Town sidewalks.

Property Revaluation Reserve – costs associated with the revaluation of real and personal property within the Town.

Library Capital Repair Reserve – major repairs/renovation of the Carver Memorial Library.

Cemetery Equipment Reserve – purchase of capital equipment or major repairs to existing equipment.

Building Repair Reserve – major repair/renovation of Town Buildings.

Computer Capital Reserve – purchase or upgrade of Town computer equipment, peripherals and software necessary to Town operation.

Economic Development Reserve – for Economic Development projects and to print a business and visitors guide as needed.

TIF Revenue Reserve – Tax Increment Financing revenue to be used on approved Economic Development projects for the town.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of surplus equipment or vehicles, crediting the respective department reserve with any proceeds.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of town-owned personal property not otherwise addressed in Article 11, with a sale value of \$3,000 or less, upon such terms and conditions, as the Selectmen shall deem advisable.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to contract for necessary services, as appropriated, under such terms and conditions as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend funds from the Selectmen's Contingency account to meet unbudgeted, necessary expenses, or to meet an unexpected need for additional money to fund an expenditure previously authorized.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town of Searsport will appropriate up to \$ 95,780.00 from the 2014 Imery's Clay formerly PPSA-OV tax revenue to fulfill the year nine (9) requirement of the Town of Searsport's Credit Enhancement Contract with Imery's Clay formerly PPSA-OV for Tax Increment Financing to the following: Sixty-five percent of the amount will be returned to Imery's Clay formerly PPSA-OV and thirty-five percent will be placed in the Town of Searsport TIF Reserve Account.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following sums to be paid in trust, for cemeteries, the investment income is to be used toward the perpetual care cost of the cemetery lots designated to the following:

2013			
DONOR	AMOUNT	CEMETERY	LOTS
Kim Brassbridge	\$175	Gordon	R-4E Lot 34-4
Mercedes Anderson	\$225	Gordon	R- 4E Lot 30 1-6
Patricia Marr	\$350	Elmwood	R-3 Lot 256 3&4
Francis & Sally Cousins	\$225	Evergreen	R-2 Lot 157-1
Ed Ellis	\$125	Mt Hope	
Milford Grant	\$350	Merithew	Lots 104 A&B
2013 Non-Cemetery			
Penobscot Bay Singers	\$150 donation to Jenny Lawrence Worthy Poor Trust		

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will approve transferring the proceeds from cemetery lot sales to the Cemetery Reserve account. The total transfer is \$4,339.28.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support the Searsport Historical Society for the continued restoration and maintenance of the Crary/Carlin/Coleman house.

2013 Appropriation: **\$2,400**

2014 Request: **\$2,400**

Selectmen recommend: **\$2,200** vote: 4-0-1

BAC recommend: **\$2,200** vote: 15-0-0

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support the Waldo Community Action Partners.

2013 Appropriation: **\$19,000**

2014 Request: **\$16,362**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 16,362** vote: 4-0-1

BAC recommend: **\$16,362** vote: 11-4-0

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support New Hope for Women.

2013 Appropriation: **\$1,325**

2014 Request: **\$1,325**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 1,325** vote: 4-0-1

BAC recommend: **\$ 1,325** vote: 12-3-0

ARTICLE 21. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support the Sexual Assault Support Service.

2013 Appropriation: **\$1000**

2014 Request: **\$1,000**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 1,000** vote: 4-0-1

BAC recommend: **\$ 1,000** vote: 15-0-0

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support the Waldo County YMCA.

2013 Appropriation: **\$1,500**

2014 Request: **\$1,500**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 1,500** vote: 3-0-2

BAC recommend: **\$1,500** vote: 14-1-0

ARTICLE 23. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the recommended amount, to help support the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross.

2013 Appropriation: **\$600**

2014 Request: **Not Specified**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 200** vote: 4-0-1

BAC recommend: **\$ 0** vote: 15-0-0

ARTICLE 24. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Spectrum Generation.

2013 Appropriation: **\$800**

2014 Request: **\$800**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 800** vote: 4-0-1

BAC recommend: **\$ 800** vote: 13-2-0

ARTICLE 25. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support the Hospice Volunteers of Waldo County.

2013 Appropriation: **\$1,500**

2014 Request: **\$1,500**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 1,500** vote: 4-0-1

BAC recommend: **\$1,500** vote: 14-1-0

ARTICLE 26. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Searsport Beautification

2013 Appropriation: **\$500**

2014 Request: **\$500**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 500** vote: 4-0-1

BAC recommend: **\$ 500** vote: 14-1-0

ARTICLE 27. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Swan Lake Association

2013 Appropriation: **\$800**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 800**

vote: 4-0-1

2014 Request: **Not specified**

BAC recommend: **\$ 0** vote: 8-7-0

ARTICLE 28. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Midcoast Maine Community Action

2013 Appropriation: **\$500**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 500**

vote: 4-0-1

2014 Request: **\$1,000**

BAC recommend: **\$ 500** vote: 15-0-0

ARTICLE 29. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support New Strategies for Youth (Game Loft)

2013 Appropriation: **\$300**

Selectmen recommend: **\$300**

vote: 4-0-1

2014 Request: **\$300**

BAC recommend: **\$300** vote: 9-6-0

ARTICLE 30. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Broadreach

2013 Appropriation: **\$1000**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 1,000**

vote: 4-0-1

2014 Request: **\$2,500**

BAC recommend: **\$ 1,000** vote: 15-0-0

ARTICLE 31. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Friends of Sears Island

2013 Appropriation: **\$ 400**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 800**

vote: 3-1-1

2014 Request: **\$1,500**

BAC recommend: **\$ 800** vote: 12-3-0

ARTICLE 32. To see what sum the voters will raise and appropriate, up to the requested amount, to help support Habitat for Humanity

2013 Appropriation: **\$ 250**

Selectmen recommend: **\$ 500**

vote: 4-0-1

2014 Request: **\$500**

BAC recommend: **\$ 500** vote: 13-2-0

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate up to \$50,000.00 dollars from surplus to fund items within the 2014 municipal budget that would otherwise be raised by taxes.

Selectmen recommend **\$ 20,000.00** : 5-0-0

BAC recommend **\$ 0** : 9-2-0

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to approve a new/revised Adult Entertainment Establishment Ordinance for the Town of Searsport. A copy of the ordinance will be available at the town office, on line at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to approve a Holding Tank Ordinance for the Town of Searsport. A copy of the ordinance is available at the town office, on line at www.searsport.maine.gov and at the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Shellfish Conservation Ordinance to remove references to commercial licenses; remove reciprocal harvesting privileges and add monitoring flats to the list of committee responsibilities as follows:

III. Shellfish Conservation Committee

H. Assist the monitoring of all open flats.

V. Licensing

Municipal Shellfish Digging License is required. It is unlawful for any person to dig or take shellfish from the shores and flats of this municipality without having a current license issued by this municipality as provided by this Ordinance. ~~A commercial digger must also have a valid State of Maine Commercial Shellfish License issued by the Department of Marine Resources.~~ The licensee must sign the license in order to be valid.

A. Designation, Scope and Qualifications

~~1) Resident Commercial Shellfish License: The license is available to residents of the Town of Searsport and entitles the holder to dig and take any amount of shellfish from the shores and flats of this municipality and reciprocating municipalities.~~

~~2) Non-resident Commercial Shellfish License: The license is available to non-residents of this municipality and entitles the holder to dig and take any amount of shellfish from the shores and flats of this municipality.~~

3 1) Residential Recreational Shellfish Annual License: The license is available to residents of this municipality and entitles the holder to dig and take no more than one peck of shellfish in any one day for his or her personal use.

4 2) Non-resident Recreational Shellfish Annual License: The license is available to any person not a resident of this municipality and entitles the holder to dig and take not more than one peck of shellfish in any one day for his or her personal use.

~~5~~ 3) Recreational Shellfish seventy-two hour license: The license is available to any person and entitles the holder to dig and take not more than one peck of shellfish in any one day for his or her personal use.

6 4) Anyone who has a valid State of Maine Commercial Shellfish license or their local license suspended within the last five years may not purchase a Recreational License to harvest shellfish in Searsport.

~~F. Reciprocal Harvesting Privileges~~

~~Licensees from any other municipality cooperating with this municipality on a joint shellfish management program may harvest shellfish according to the terms of a Searsport license.~~

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will approve a new reserve account named "Police Personnel" established for the purpose of depositing funds refunded to the town when a trained officer leaves Searsport to take a position in another police department. These funds are only to be used with the authorization of the selectmen for the purpose of training and equipping replacement officers as needed.

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into negotiations with abutting land owners at the end of the maintained portion of Turnpike to extend the maintenance of the road 1/10th mile.

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to amend the spelling of the street name Merrithew Road to the Merithew Road to become the official name for E911 purpose and all other purposes.

The Polls for voting on Articles 1 and 2 will be open at 8:00 A.M. in the forenoon and will close at 8:00 P.M. in the evening of March 4th, 2014 at the Public Safety Building at 3 Union Street, Searsport, ME.

The Registrar of Voters will be in session on Tuesday, March 4th, 2014, for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Searsport, Maine, the 18th day of February, 2014.


Aaron Fethke, Chairman


Richard Desmarais, Vice Chair


Joseph Perry


Doug Norman


Meredith Ares

Searsport Ambulance Service

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336-2040

Searsport Community Paramedicine Patient Referral Form

Date of Order:	Requested Date of Service:	Referring Provider:
Client Name:		Gender:
Physical Street Address:		Phone Number:
Mailing Address (if different):		

Type of Visit:
<input type="checkbox"/> Well Check Program <input type="checkbox"/> Fall Prevention Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic Assist/Tracking <input type="checkbox"/> MDPB Approved Vaccine Administration

Vaccine Administration: Type/route	Diabetic Assistance/Tracking:
	<input type="checkbox"/> Blood Glucose Check <input type="checkbox"/> Med Reconciliation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Medication Compliance <input type="checkbox"/> Weight

Well Check Visit:	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Prevention Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Vitals <input type="checkbox"/> Weight <input type="checkbox"/> Med Reconciliation	

Further Orders/Information:

Ordering Provider: Please sign then print	Provider Contact #.
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Please Fax this Request to: 548-6079

Disclaimer: All visits will be accomplished as soon as possible, but generally within 24 hours. All services provided must be within the scope of practice of the EMS provider as outlined in the Maine EMS Protocols and Rules. EMS personnel will verify that these orders fall within their scope of practice and will contact you should orders require clarification or further instruction.

